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W. S. FITZWILLIAM, Esq., late Member of the Supreme Legislative Council of India.
W. E. FRERE, Esq., late Bombay Civil Service, and Member of Council, Bombay Government.
R. P. HARRISON, Esq., late Comptroller-General of Accounts for India, and Government Director, Bank of Bengal.
E. W. WINGROVE, Esq., late of Calcutta.

R. O. SAWERS, Esq., Chief Manager.

London Bankers:

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

Agents in Scotland:—

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, AND BRITISH LINEN COMPANY.

Agents in Ireland:—

THE PROVINCIAL BANK OF IRELAND.

A Branch of the Bank is this day opened at Hongkong, for general banking business.

By Order of the Directors.

G. S. SHERWOOD, *Manager.*

Temporary Offices: No. 16, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road.

tf 371 Hongkong, 22nd February, 1870.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum, say $7.50 per paid-up Share of $125, and $3 per Share on which $50 have been paid, is payable on and after THURSDAY, the 10th instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Board of Directors,

VICTOR KRESSER, *Chief Manager.*

tf 235 Hongkong, 4th February, 1870.

THE VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

CAPITAL $1,500,000, IN 3,000 SHARES OF $500 EACH.

PAID UP CAPITAL $300,000.

Board of Directors,—

W. H. FORBES, Esq., (Messrs. Russell & Co.), Chairman.
S. D. SASSOON, Esq., (Messrs. David Sassoon, Sons & Co.)
J. F. BUXEY, Esq., (Messrs. Eduljee Framjee, Sons & Co.)
HERMANN MELCHERS, Esq., (Messrs. Melchers & Co.)
E. DELBANCO, Esq., (Comptoir D'Escompte de Paris.)
AUGUSTINE HEARD, Esq., (Messrs. Augustine Heard & Co.)

Bankers,—

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Auditors,—

F. W. MITCHELL, Esq.
MATTHEW W. BOYD, Esq.
(Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China.)

Head Office,— HONGKONG.

Secretaries,— MESSRS. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

THE Company having been Registered under the "Companies Ordinance, 1865," and its Shares allotted, will be prepared to accept Risks against Fire, on buildings and merchandise Stored therein, at the current rates, on and after March 1st, 1870.

Twenty per centum of the profits of the Company will be distributed annually as a Bonus among Contributing Shareholders, proportionately to the amount of premia paid by them.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., *Secretaries.*

tf 399 Hongkong, 26th February, 1870.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of this Company will be Closed from the 19th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

A. NEWTON, *Manager.*

18d 507 Hongkong, 14th March, 1870.

NOTICE.

LES Bureaux du Consulat de France sont actuellement transférés au No. 4, Alexandra Terrace.

Pour Le Consul de France, Le Chancelier, CH. L. DE LA FOREST.

tf 510 Hongkong, 14 March, 1870.

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Directors:—

The Hon'ble. H. B. GIBB, of Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., (Chairman).
J. B. TAYLOR, Esq., of Messrs. Smith, Archer & Co.
E. A. HITCHCOCK, Esq., of Messrs. Olyphant & Co.
A. MAC G. HEATON, Esq., of Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co.
EDWD. ARTHUR, Esq., of The Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China.

HEAD OFFICE AT HONGKONG.

Secretary.— N. J. EDE, Esq.

Bankers.— THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, AND CHINA.

Agents.—

Swatow,	Messrs. BRADLEY & Co.
Amoy,	" ELLES & Co.
Foochow,	" OLYPHANT & Co.
Shanghai,	" GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hankow,	" Do.
Yokohama,	" SMITH, ARCHER & Co.
Tientsin,	JOHN HANNA, Esq.

THE Company having been Registered and the Letters of Allotment for Shares appropriated to Hongkong, Canton, and Macao having been issued this day, the Company will Commence Business on TUESDAY, the 1st proximo, and will be prepared to Accept Risks at the current rates of premium.

N. J. EDE, *Secretary.*

tf 398 Hongkong, 28th February, 1870.

THE CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL, 1,500,000 TAELS SHANGHAI SYCEE, IN 3,000 SHARES OF 500 TAELS EACH, *Paid up Capital*, TLS. 300,000, OR TLS. 100 PER SHARE.

Court of Directors:—

F. A. GROOM, Esq., of Messrs. Glover, Dow & Co.
W. JACKSON, Esq., Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China.
R. W. LITTLE, Esq., of Messrs Little & Co.
T. PROBST, Esq., of Messrs Wm. Pustau & Co.
J. B. ROBERTSON, Esq., of Messrs Bull, Purdon & Co.
J. F. H. TRAUTMANN, Esq., of Messrs Trautmann & Co.

Head Office, Shanghai.

Secretaries, pro tem., TRAUTMANN & Co.

Counsel to the Company, N. J. HANNEN, Esq., *Barrister at Law.*

London:

COMMITTEE OF THREE DIRECTORS.
Agents, Messrs. ROBT. BENSON & Co.

Agents:—

In Hongkong ... Messrs. WM. PUSTAU & Co.
" Hankow...... F. MAJOR, Esq.
" Foochow...... Messrs. JOHN FOSTER & Co.
" Yokohama .... " ASPINALL, CORNES & Co.
" Singapore...... " HARRISON, SMITH & Co.

THE Company will commence business in January next, or as soon after as the Directors shall have been enabled to allot the Shares.

The Company will be a permanent one.

The Net Profits will be divided every year as follows: 30 per cent will be returned as Bonus to *all Contributors* of business, *rateably in proportion* to the amount of Net Premia contributed. Interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on the paid-up Capital will be paid to the *Shareholders*, and the Balance of the Net Profits carried to the Reserve Fund.

When the Reserve Fund shall have reached Tls. 300,000, the Net Profits will be divided as follows: 30 per cent. to all Contributors of Business; 20 per cent. to the Reserve Fund; and 50 per cent. to the Shareholders.

When the Reserve Fund shall have reached Tls. 500,000, the Net Profits will then be divided as follows: 30 per cent to all Contributors of Business; and 70 per cent to the Shareholders.

The Funds will be in the hands of the Directors both at Shanghai and London, and also at such places where the business proves large enough to warrant a Committee of Directors.

Messrs. TRAUTMANN & Co. will officiate as Secretaries, till 31st December, 1870, by which time the necessary arrangements will be completed for securing the services of a qualified Secretary from England.

For Forms of Application for Shares, and Copies of the Deed of Settlement, apply to the undersigned,

TRAUTMANN & Co., *Secretaries, pro tem.*

2254 Shanghai, 23rd November, 1869.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that, the Ordinary Half-yearly MEETING of the Shareholders of this Society, will be held at the Head Office, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 31st instant, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors, together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1869.

By order of the Board.

ROBERT WATMORE, *Secretary.*

23d 475 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Transfer Books of the Society will be Closed from the 15th to the 31st instant, both days included, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board,

ROBERT WATMORE, *Secretary.*

23d 476 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

THE CHINA-SEA, SAIGON, & STRAITS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Allotment of Shares in the above Company will take place on the 25th instant, and no applications for Shares will be received after 10 A.M. of that day.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., *General Agents.*

15d 495 Hongkong, 11th March, 1870.

NOTICE.

NEITHER the Captain, Owners, nor Agents of the British ship *Veritas*, will be responsible for debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the said vessel during her stay in these waters.

TURNER & Co., Agents for *Veritas.*

tf 509 Hongkong, 14th March, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned begs leave to return his sincere thanks for past favors bestowed, and respectfully informs his patrons that he has secured the Services of Mr. J. W. ELLIOTT, late of Manilla, in addition to Mr. J. R. STATIA and myself; tenders their Services to Gentlemen desirous of any Tonsorial operations, performed with greater dispatch than heretofore.

HONGKONG HOTEL HAIR DRESSING SALOON.

W. P. MOORE.

1m 456 Hongkong, 7th March, 1870.

HONGKONG RACE FUND, 1870.

SUBSCRIBERS are requested to forward the amount of their subscriptions to

E. A. ARTHUR, *Hon. Treasurer.*

tf 375 Hongkong, 24th February, 1870.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their sales room, Queen's Road,

THIS DAY,

the 18th instant, at Noon,—

An Invoice of IRONMONGERY, comprising 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 inch. Iron Tower BOLTS, Brass Table FASTENERS, ESCUTCHEONS, HINGES, Drawer HANDLES, Curtain HOOKS, BELLS, Bell CRANKS, Bell LEVERS, Bell TUBING, &c., &c., &c.

¾, 1, 1¼ inch Galvanized Iron TUBING, with Ts. and Ls., White LINEN, HOLLANDS, BLANKETS, TICKING, SHEETING.

1 Single and 1 Double PERAMBULATOR.

60 Pigs LEAD.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. The Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

530 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from C. ELDREDGE, Esq., Paymaster U.S.N., to sell by Public Auction the following condemned PROVISIONS, CLOTHING, Boiler TUBES, &c., &c.,

THIS DAY,

the 18th March, 1870, at 12 o'clock,

At the U.S. Naval Depot, *Wanchai*,—

FLOUR, Preserved MEAT, PICKLES, BREAD, BEANS, Desiccated POTATOES, TOBACCO, RICE, CLOTHING.

100 Boiler TUBES.

&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, *Auctioneer.*

508 Hongkong, 14th March, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

MILLINERY AND DRAPERY STOCK.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

TO-MORROW,

the 19th day of March, 1870, at 10 o'clock A.M.

The entire STOCK-IN-TRADE of Messrs. S. W. BAKER & Co., *Queen's Road*,—

Comprising:—Gentlemen's HOSIERY, HATS, SHIRTS, COLLARS, GLOVES, TIES, SCARFS, TWEEDS, COATINGS, Black BROAD CLOTH, Linen DRILL and DUCK.

Ladies' DRESSES, HATS, BONNETS, HOSIERY, RIBBONS, LACES, MILLINERY, HABERDASHERY, &c., &c.

Also,

DAMASKS, Table COVERS, Irish LINEN, TOWELS, Toilet COVERS, STATIONERY, PERFUMERY, DRESSING CASES and BAGS, &c., &c.

And, (In Godown),

Sheet LEAD, Sheet ZINC, Perforated ZINC, Lead and Iron PIPING, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, *Auctioneer.*

447 Hongkong, 5th March, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from JOHN RIACH, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, Rose Villa West, *Bonham Road*, on

TUESDAY,

the 22nd March, 1870, at noon,—

The whole of his Elegant HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—Drawing Room, Dining Room, and Bed Room SUITES, richly carved Marble Top Centre and Side TABLES, Tea POYS, Pier GLASSES, CARPETS, ENGRAVINGS, VASES, GLASSWARE, Dinner, Dessert, and Breakfast SETS, Electro Plated WARE, GASALIERS, &c., &c.

A Magnificent PIANOFORTE, by Hallett & Cumston, Boston.

A Sewing MACHINE, by Grover & Baker, Boston.

Sedan CHAIRS. PLANTS in POTS.

&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole may be viewed on and after Monday, the 21st inst.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, *Auctioneer.*

487 Hongkong, 10th March, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from the Mortgagee, to sell by Public Auction, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 30th day of March, 1870, at noon, on the Premises, under the power of the sale contained in the Deed of Mortgage,—

Section H of INLAND LOT, No. 290, with the House thereon, situated in Taipingshan, between Square and East Streets.

For further particulars, apply to the Undersigned.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser. Property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, *Auctioneer.*

516 Hongkong, 15th March, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. GILMAN & Co., to sell by Public Auction, (if not previously disposed of by Private Sale), on

TUESDAY,

the 5th of April, 1870, at 3 P.M.,

At Messrs. GILMAN & Co.'s Office,—

(Under power contained in the Mortgage Deed),

All those valuable Premises situate in Hongkong, abutting on *Queen's Road* on the South, and party on the *Praya* on the North, formerly occupied by Messrs. SMITH, KENNEDY & Co., and now in the occupation of Messrs. E. SCHELLHASS & Co. The Premises are built on Marine Lot No. 101, and are held under Lease from the Crown for 999 years, subject to a Crown rent of £30 per annum. The Premises are spacious and airy, and the ground comprises an area of 14,400 square feet.

The Dwelling House, contains 4 Rooms and and Compradore's and Shroffs' Rooms on the Ground Floor; 4 Rooms on the 1st Floor; and 4 Rooms, 2 Bath Rooms, and Pantry on the 2nd Floor, with convenient Out Offices, consisting of Kitchens, 3 Stall Stable, Boys' Rooms, and spacious Godown opening on to the *Praya*.

Also,

Those valuable Premises adjoining the above on its Western boundary, formerly in the occupation of the Asiatic Bank, and now in the occupation of Messrs. HESSE & Co. These Premises are built on Inland Lot No. 514, and are likewise held under a Crown Lease for 999 years, subject to Crown rent of £24 10s. per annum, and the Lot contains an area of 6,750 square feet.

The Dwelling House, contains 2 Rooms, 1 Iron floored Treasury, and 2 Small Rooms for Compradore and Shroff on the Ground Floor; 10 Rooms on the 1st Floor; 5 Rooms and 5 Bath Rooms on the Second Floor, 1 Under ground Godown and Out Offices. Water laid on.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer and the balance on completion of the Transfer documents, in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. Transfer expenses to be borne by the purchaser.

For further particulars, apply to

MESSRS. GILMAN & Co., OR, CHAS. H. MORGAN.

336 Hongkong, 28th February, 1870.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND STORE FIXTURES.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. S. W. BAKER & Co. to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 26th day of March, 1870, at noon.

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and STORE FIXTURES, at their residence, *Queen's Road*, comprising:—

CHAIRS, TABLES, COUCHES, SIDEBOARD, LAMPS, Iron BEDSTEADS, Child's COT, Marble Top WASHSTAND, Toilet TABLES and MIRRORS, Pier GLASS, Dining TABLE, GLASSWARE, Plated WARE, Dinner SET, ENGRAVINGS, &c.

Also,

STORE FIXTURES, Show CASES, COUNTERS, TABLES, STANDS, a Chubb's SAFE, Copying PRESS, Pier GLASSES, &c.

The Store Fixtures will be sold at 12 o'clock, and the Household Furniture immediately afterwards.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole will be on view on the morning of the day of Sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, *Auctioneer.*

515 Hongkong, 15th March, 1870.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from J. O. HENDERSON, Esq., M.D., to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence, *Queen's Road*, on

TUESDAY,

the 29th March, 1870, at noon,—

The whole of his HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—CHAIRS, TABLES, COUCHES, SIDEBOARDS, WHATNOTS, LAMPS, Iron BEDSTEADS, WARDROBES, Toilet TABLE, WASHSTANDS and SETS, Book CASES, DESK, Dining TABLES, GLASSWARE, Dinner and Dessert SETS, CUTLERY, MIRRORS, ENGRAVINGS, BOOKS, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole may be viewed on and after Monday, the 28th inst.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, *Auctioneer.*

501 Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION. (Under the Power of Sale continued in a certain Mortgage Deed) ON *WEDNESDAY,*

the Sixth day of April, 1870, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, on the Premises,—

ALL that piece or parcel of GROUND situate on the *Bonham Road*, Victoria, being a portion of the Lot, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 757, together with Dwelling House, Outhouses and Premises erected thereon, and now in the occupation of Captain THORNBURY, R.N.

The Property contains 37,285 square feet or thereabout, and is held for the term of 999 years, commencing on the 7th day of January 1862, and the proportion of the yearly crown rent payable therefor is $130 per annum.

To view the same and for further particulars, apply to

CHARLES H. MORGAN, *Auctioneer.*

CONDITIONS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance within two weeks from the day of sale, when the Purchase Deeds shall be completed. All expenses of investigating the Title and of the Transfer of the Property to be paid by the purchaser. The property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the fall of the hammer.

533 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN pursuance of the provisions of Article 7 of the New Articles of Association, an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the COMPANY, Club Chambers, on WEDNESDAY, the 23rd instant, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of Increasing the Capital of the Company to $1,000,000 (*One Million*), by the creation and issue of New Shares to the amount of $250,000.

By order of the Board,

G. N. MINTO, *Secretary.*

12d 502 Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that in compliance with the requirements of Section 50 of the Companies Ordinance, 1865, an Extraordinary General MEETING of the Shareholders of the HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, No. 39, Queen's-road, on THURSDAY, the 24th day of March next, at the hour of three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of confirming the Special Resolution that may be passed at the Meeting called for the purpose on the 10th day of March next.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *General Managers.*

33d 334 Hongkong, 16th February, 1870.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE undersigned are prepared to accept risks in the above Company for a *Period of Ten days*, on Merchandise stored in first-class Godowns, at ⅛th of one per cent.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *General Managers.*

tf 1636 Hongkong, 26th August, 1869.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with paragraph No. 110 of the Articles of Association of this Company, the Half-yearly Interest at the rate of 12% per annum on the paid up Capital is now due.

Warrants payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, can be obtained at the Offices of the Company, 39, *Queen's Road.*

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *General Managers.*

tf 3 Hongkong, 31st December, 1869.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Share Certificates of the Company are now ready for issue, in exchange for the existing receipts for first and second Calls, or transfer Certificates, on payment of a fee of One Dollar, and Shareholders are requested to apply for them at the Office of the Company, No. 39, *Queen's Road*, Hongkong.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *General Managers.*

tf 4 Hongkong, 31st December, 1869.

WANTED.

SEVEN European or ten Chinese Physicians, to accompany Chinese passengers to California and Australia. Apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

tf 433 Hongkong, 3rd March, 1870.

DR. E. GARNERI begs to inform the community of Hongkong, that he is prepared to give lessons in the French, Spanish, and Italian languages, on very moderate terms. Address, *Daily Press* Office.

tf 132 Hongkong, 21st January, 1870.

Intimations.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—AARON SOLOMON COHEN, of Victoria, Hongkong, General Broker, having been adjudged Bankrupt under a Petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy filed in the Supreme Court on the Fifteenth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, a Public Sitting for the said Bankrupt to pass his last examination, and make application for his discharge, will be held before the Honorable John Smale, Esquire, Chief Justice of the said Court, at the Supreme Court House, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the Twenty-fifth day of March, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely.

At this meeting proofs of the debts of the Creditors will be received.

William Hastings Alexander, Esquire, is the Official Assignee, and Mr. Francis Innes Hazeland is the Solicitor acting in the Bankruptcy.

Supreme Court House,

Hongkong, 17th March, 1870. [8d 539

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

NOTICE.—NUZERALLY ABDOOLALLY, of Victoria, Hongkong, trading solely under the style or firm of N. Abdoolally, Merchant, having been adjudged Bankrupt under a petition for adjudication of Bankruptcy filed in the Supreme Courts on the fifteen day of January, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, a Public Sitting for the said Bankrupt to pass his last examination, and make application for his discharge, will be held before the Honorable John Smale, Esquire, Chief-Justice, of the said Courts, at the Supreme Courts House, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the twenty-fifth day of March, One thousand eight hundred and seventy, at the hour of Eleven o'clock in the forenoon precisely.

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Supreme Court House,

Hongkong, 17th March, 1870. [8d 539

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON and after the 31st day of March, 1870, the Auction Rooms of the Undersigned will be REMOVED to their old premises, Ground Floor of the HONGKONG HOTEL.

GUEDES & Co.

tf 533 Hongkong, 18th March, 1870.

THE UNION DOCK COMPANY OF HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA, LIMITED.

ALL Claims against this Company are requested to be sent in by the 26th instant, after which no accounts can be recognized.

W. F. RUSSELL, *Secretary.*

10d 529 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co. reserve the option of forwarding all goods shipped by their Steamers for Europe through Egypt, either by rail, or by Canal in their own Steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.

14d 513 Hongkong, 15th March, 1870.

PROSPECTUS OF THE FOOCHOW DOCK COMPANY.

CAPITAL $200,000, IN 2,000 SHARES OF $100 EACH.

$50 per Share to be paid on allotment.
$25 " " 3 months after allotment.
$25 " " 6 " " "

Present Directors,—

H. DE BARON DE MEMITENS, Commissioner of Customs.
L. C. MASFEN, Esq., of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China.
JOHN FORSTER, Esq., of Messrs. John Forster & Co.

With Power to add Two to their Number.

General Agents, pro tem. MESSRS. JOHN FORSTER & Co., FOOCHOW.

Superintendent,— CAPTAIN JOHN C. SKEY.

THE scheme has been fully discussed by the Foochow Community, to whom it was in the first instance submitted, and who generally appreciate its advantages, but require outside funds to assist in carrying it through. At a general Meeting, a special Committee of five Gentlemen was elected to investigate and consider the project. The Report furnished was highly satisfactory, and was supported by a Survey Report by competent authorities upon the condition of the Dock and Premises.

The object of the Company is to take over from MR. JOHN FORSTER the Dock at the Pagoda Anchorage, known as the *Foochow Dock*, with the property and machinery attached, valued together at $130,000, and also the Tug-Steamer *Woosung*, valued at $10,000. The remaining $60,000 will be used for the purchase of stock and materials (of which a considerable quantity is on hand, and is offered at cost price); for the improvement of the establishment; and for the purchase of an additional Tug-Steamer; in accordance with the recommendation of the special Committee for working the whole to best advantage.

By arrangement with MR JOHN FORSTER, the Company will take over the property to be purchased from him, from the 1st January of the present year; from which date all profits on the business are to accrue to them, while he shall receive interest at the rate of 9 per cent per annum on the amount of purchase money, until paid up.

The Company will be managed by a Board of Five Directors, three of whom are now elected, with the power to add two more to their number. Three will retire annually, but are eligible for re-election.

The funds of the Company will be entirely under the control of the Board.

A statement of accounts will be submitted to a Meeting of the Resident Shareholders, to be held annually, when a dividend will be declared.

Applications for Shares, in the annexed form, to be addressed to Messrs. JOHN FORSTER & Co., Foochow, who will act as General Agents until all are allotted.

An application for Shares, followed by an allotment thereupon, will constitute the applicant a Shareholder in the Company.

The deed of settlement will be duly prepared, and copies will be furnished to the Shareholders when ready.

Foochow, 7th March, 1870.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

To the Directors of the FOOCHOW DOCK COMPANY.

GENTLEMEN,—I request you to allot to .... Shares of $100 each in the above Company; and .... agree to accept such Shares or any less number you may allot to .... and to pay the Calls thereon; and .... authorize you to place .... name on the Register of Shareholders for the Shares allotted.

Your obedient Servant,

Full Name and Address of the Applicant ....

Date........................ 1526

WANTED.—Employment by a Gentleman who understands shipping and the general routine of an Office. Address M., *Daily Press* Office.

tf 115 Hongkong, 19th January, 1870.

FOR SALE.

TWO White North China PONIES, 13¼ hands high, very strong and fast.

Also, One Dun Manila PONY, 13 hands high, with or without Buggy and Harness.

For further Particulars, apply to

MACEWEN & Co.

7d 537 Hongkong, 18th March, 1870.

Intimations.

LUSITANO THEATRE.

THIS (FRIDAY) EVENING, 18TH MARCH.

POSITIVELY THE LAST PERFORMANCE AND BENEFIT OF MISS NELLIE HOSMER, and first night of WHITE COMEDY, Entitled, "THE PLEASANT NEIGHBOUR;" OR, CONTENTMENT v. RICHES.

For full particulars, see Bills of the day.

542 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

THEATRE ROYAL,—CITY HALL.

THE FIRST PERFORMANCE BY THE AMATEUR DRAMATIC CORPS OF HONGKONG, will take place on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD, 1870.

When will be presented,

The favourite Comedy in two Acts, entitled "THE JACOBITE."

CHARACTERS.

Sir Richard Wroughton .... *Mr. de Spencer.*
Major Murray .... *Mr. Charles James.*
John Duck .... *Mr. Mat. Merrythought.*
Lady Somerford .... *Miss Snowdon.*
Widow Pettle (of the "Crooked Billet,") .... *Mrs. Clerke.*
Patty Pottle (her daughter), ... *Miss Mary Middlesex.*

To be follow by the Farce "DON'T JUDGE BY APPEARANCES."

CHARACTERS.

Major Pepper .... *Mr. Charles James.*
Frank Topham (his nephew) .... *Mr. P. Laily.*
John Plump .... *Mr Leicester.*
Dinna Pepper.... } Neices to Major Pepper { *Miss Mary Middlesex.*
Angelina Pepper } { *Miss Bella de Courcy.*

Door open at 8.30, Performance to commence at 9 o'clock punctually.

Admission, Two Dollars. Due notice will be given of the Time and Place at which Tickets can be obtained, and Seats secured.

By kind permission of Lieut. Col. MILLES, and the Officers of the 75th Stirlingshire Regiment, the band of the Regiment will be in attendance.

532 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

FOR AMOY AND SHANGHAI.

THE O. S. S. Company's Steamer "AJAX," will be dispatched for the above ports at 4 P.M. TO-MORROW, the 19th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., *Agents.*

2d 534 Hongkong, 18th March, 1870.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.

THE Steamship "YESSO."

Capt. Ashton, will have immediate dispatch for the above ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

tf 541 Hongkong, 18th March, 1870.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

THE British Steamer "WILHELMINE EMMA,"

Capt. J. Donaldson, will have quick dispatch for the above port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

MELCHERS & Co., *Agents.*

tf 535 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

THE Business of KIN-CHEONG-HONG, hitherto carried on by YEONG-HOY-CHEONG, CHUN-FOOK-PO, and others, on the premises of No. 60, *Bonham Strand West*, has been transferred to KWONG-SHUN-WO and YEONG-KWONG-TAI, and all accounts between them have been settled before the transferment took place. The new firm commenced business on the first day of the first moon of this Chinese year, under the Hong name of KIN-CHEONG-WO-KEE, and the interest of the late proprietors YEONG-HOY-CHEONG, CHUN-FOOK-PO, and others, ceased on that day. Debts contracted by, and indebted to, the old firm, will be settled by the late proprietors, and the new proprietors KWONG-SHUN-WO and YEONG-KWONG-TAI will not hold themselves responsible for them. With a view of avoiding future disputes, this notice is therefore given.

KWONG-SHUN-WO, *of Macao.*
YEONG-HOY-CHEONG, *of Hongkong.*

1m 536 18th March, 1870.

WANTED.

A MAN practically acquainted with Mining, competent to Assay ores.

Address F. G., at the Office of this paper, with full information, stating qualifications, nature of experience and where acquired, and remuneration expected.

tf 441 Hongkong, 3rd March, 1870.

Notices to Consignees.

O. S. S. COMPANY'S STEAMER "AJAX."

CONSIGNEES of cargo by the above steamer will please send in Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take delivery of the same from Messrs. Russell & Co.'s godowns, on and after the 19th instant.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., *Agents.*

10d 543 Hongkong, 18th March, 1870.

"BELTED WILL," FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Countersignature to the Undersigned, and take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, by

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

14d 493 Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE undermentioned Goods have been landed and stored at Consignees' Risk and Expense:—

Ex Str. *Clan Alpine*, from Calcutta.
L J (in diamond), 3 packages Steel Pens.
Ex *Borealis*, from London.
M S M P B & Co. } (in diamond), 50 pigs Lead.
Ex *Sir Lancelot*, from London.
S M (in diamond), 27 cases Merchandise.
J A " 51 " do.
N & H " 54 " do.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

tf 505 Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

"TAITSING," FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature to the undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, by

BIRLEY & Co.

tf 474 Hongkong, 9th March, 1870.

Intimations.

THE CHINA AND STRAITS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL $500,000, IN 5,000 SHARES OF $100 EACH.
(Of which $110,000 is already Subscribed).

PRESENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS:—
EDWARD ARTHUR, Esq.,
(Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China.)
JULIUS MENKE, Esq.,
(Messrs. Wm. Pustau & Co.)
GEORGE J. HELLAND, Esq.,
(Messrs. John Burd & Co.)

BANKERS,—
CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON, & CHINA.

HEAD OFFICE—
HONGKONG.
GENERAL AGENTS,—
Messrs. JOHN BURD & Co.
PROPOSED AGENTS:—
SINGAPORE.—Messrs. Harrison, Smith & Co.
SWATOW.—Messrs. Dircks & Co.
FOOCHOW.—Messrs. John Forster & Co.
SAIGON.—Messrs. Behre & Co.
AMOY.—Messrs. H. D. Brown & Co.
NINGPO.—A. T. Tyree, Esq.
SHANGHAI.—Messrs. Trautmann & Co.

TWENTY-FIVE dollars per Share will be payable on the day of allotment, and twenty-five dollars per Share six months after that date, the remaining capital to be called up in small sums at such intervals as the Directors may deem expedient, but no further call shall be made until nine months after the payment of the second call.

The Company will be registered under "The Companies Ordinance, 1865" with Limited Liability, and the Memorandum and Articles of Association are in course of preparation. The Articles of Association will be ready for inspection, and copies procurable, at the Office of the General Agents, on and after the 15th instant.

The Board will consist of not less than three, nor more than five Directors, one of whom shall retire annually, being, however, eligible for re election.

The Funds of the Company will be invested in such manner as may be determined on by the Directors.

So soon as a sufficient portion of the profits of the Company shall have been set aside to form a moderate Reserve Fund, the Directors have the discretionary power of returning to the Shareholders a bonus on the amount of Freight and Passage Money contributed by them, and the balance of profit will be annually divided between the Shareholders generally.

Until new Steamers are obtained from Europe, the Company will probably charter one or two vessels.

The object of the Company is steam navigation between the Straits and China, and on the Coast of China generally, but chiefly to run Steamers between

PENANG, SINGAPORE, SAIGON, HONGKONG, SWATOW, and AMOY, in connection with the North China Steamer Company, for FOOCHOW, NINGPO, SHANGHAI, YANGTSZE PORTS, CHEFOO, TIENTSIN, and NEWCHWANG.

A number of the most influential Chinese and other merchants and traders in the Straits have already subscribed for Shares in the Company, and the Directors have little doubt that they will be able to secure and retain the bulk of the freight and passage traffic between the Straits and Amoy, the termini of the Company's Main line.

Messrs. John Burd & Co. will act as General Agents for the first five years of the Company's operations.

Applications for the remaining $390,000 of Capital will be received at the Office of the General Agents until the 31st day of March, 1870.

Applications for Shares must be in the form annexed, and be forwarded under cover to the General Agents, from whom forms of application can be obtained.

An application for Shares, followed by an allotment, will constitute the applicant a Shareholder in the Company, under the terms of the Company's Articles of Association.

Hongkong, February 3rd, 1870.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

To the Directors of
THE CHINA AND STRAITS STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

GENTLEMEN,—I request you to allot to me ... Shares of $100 each in the above Company; and I agree to accept that or any less number that may be alloted to me, and to pay the calls thereon; and I authorize you to place my name on the Register of Shareholders for the Shares allotted.

Usual Signature ......
Name in full ......
Address in full ......
Date ......

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THE CHINA-SEA, SAIGON, & STRAITS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL $600,000.
IN 6,000 SHARES OF $100 EACH, $40 PER SHARE PAID-UP.

Directors:—
VISCOUNT DO CERCAL.
E. J. SAGE, Esq.
RICHARD DEACON, Esq.

A VERY large traffic exists between the Straits Settlements, Saigon and the Southern Ports of China, for which the present lines of Steam communication afford very inadequate accommodation, and this company has been organized with the view of supplying a need which has long been felt, especially by the Chinese Residents of the places indicated.

It is proposed to run a fortnightly line of Steamers between Hongkong, Saigon, and Singapore, in connection at Singapore with the steamers of the P. & O. S. N. Company, and very advantageous arrangements have been concluded with the French Authorities of Cochin-China, for the conveyance of the mails to and from Saigon. Extensions of this service are shortly contemplated.

Arrangements have also been made with the various lines of Coast Steamers for all the ports of China and Japan, for reciprocity in the carriage of freights and passengers, so that a ruinous and useless competition may be avoided.

The *Orloff*, with the good will of her Owners, has been purchased, and is now running. Another large and powerful steamer will shortly be placed on the route.

The Company has been registered with Limited Liability, under the Companies Ordinance of 1865.

Five hundred and thirty thousand Dollars of the Capital of the Company have been already subscribed, including reservations for Saigon and Singapore, and but 700 shares remain for allotment by the Directors in Hongkong. The First Call of $15 per Share is payable on allotment, and the Second Call of $25 per Share in three months thereafter.

The Articles of Association may be seen, and Forms of Application for Shares had, at the Office of the Undersigned, or at the Office of HENRY C. CALDWELL, Esq., Solicitor to the Company.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1870.

To the General Agents of
THE CHINA-SEA, SAIGON, & STRAITS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby request that the Directors will allot to me ... shares in the above company, and I agree to accept such shares, or any less number, which may be allotted to me, and to pay the Calls thereon to such amount, and at such times, and in such manner as may be authorized by the Articles of Association of the said company, and to subscribe to the Articles of Association when called on to do so.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
Name ......
Address ......

tf 247 Hongkong, 4th February, 1870.

EASTLACK & WINN,
Dental Surgeons.

DR. WINN will leave Hongkong for Japan on or about the 1st of April next, to be absent 6 or 8 months, and therefore requests all persons desirous of consulting him Professionally, to do so at their earliest convenience.

tf 205 Hongkong, 1st February, 1870.

Intimations.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION, A.D. 1720.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL BALANCE SHEET, AND PARTICULARS OF THE LIFE DEPARTMENT,
On the 31st December, 1868.

Offices:
No. 7, ROYAL EXCHANGE, E.C., & No. 7, PALL MALL, S.W.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE was incorporated by Royal Charters in the year 1720 and 1721, for effecting MARINE, FIRE, and LIFE ASSURANCES. By the terms of the Charters and a subsequent Act of Parliament, the total Capital of the Corporation and all its assets collectively are applicable to discharge all Claims without distinction.

The following is an abstract of the General Balance Sheet of the Corporation on 31st December, 1868:—

		£ s. d.
Shareholders' Capital £896,550, of which is paid up		448,275 0 0
General Reserve Fund		265,536 3 6
Balance of Profit and Loss		105,474 3 5
Marine and Fire Insurance Funds, consisting of Premiums in hand in excess of settlements		313,098 9 0
Life Assurance Funds, consisting of Premiums in hand with accumulated Interest in excess of settlements		1,331,150 1 5
		£2,463,533 17 4
Life Claims admitted and in course of payment	32,699 0 10	
Annuities unpaid, and sundry outstanding Accounts	6,307 16 0	39,006 16 10
		£2,502,540 14 2

	£ s. d.
British Government Securities	691,265 13 2
Mortgages	1,214,616 14 4
Indian Debentures, and Railway and other British Debentures	445,275 0 0
Sundry other Investments	21,342 3 5
Cash at Bankers and on Deposit, and Bills receivable	99,405 16 1
	£2,471,905 7 0
Premiums and Interest due and in course of collection	30,635 7 2
	£2,502,540 14 2

By the above abstract, it will be seen that the Corporation has Funds in hand amounting to £2,463,533 17s. 4d. to meet all its unascertained Liabilities.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.

The LIFE ASSURANCE FUNDS result from the accumulation at compound interest of the Life Premiums, after payment of the Claims and other outgoings of this Department.

The LIFE BUSINESS is carried on in three distinct Series, which are worked independently; and the following are the results of the last valuation thereof.—

Date of Valuation.	Series.	Sum Assured.	Annual Premiums.	Life Assurance Fund.	Estimated Value of Liabilities.	Surplus.
31st Dec., 1867	Old.	1,324,876 / 21,407 Annuities	42,081	480,092	441,719	38,373
1st Nov., as to 31st Dec., 1868	1831	1,230,159	40,336	474,584	374,139	100,445
31st Dec., 1865	1846	1,820,010 / 69,422 Bonus	61,837	380,127	275,905	104,222

These valuations are made on the following principles, viz.:—The Old Series by the 17 Offices' experience Mortality, at Four per Cent. Interest; the two other Series, by the Government Annuitants' Mortality, at Three per Cent. Interest. In all cases the Nett Premiums only have been taken into account.

On 31st December, 1868, there were in force Life Policies for £4,804,439

Annual Premiums in 1868 £159,083
Interest in 1868 54,560

Total Income of this Department £213,643

Further information may be obtained at the Head Office of the Corporation—7, ROYAL EXCHANGE.

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The Chronicle and Directory for 1870.

NOW READY.

THE Edition for 1870 is now ready for Delivery.

As already announced, the Directory is published in Two Forms, Complete at $5, or with the Lists of Residents and Port Directories only, at $3.

Copies may be obtained at the *Daily Press* Office, and of the following Agents:—
Messrs. BROWN & Co., Swatow.
" WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Amoy.
" HEDGE & Co., Foochow.
" LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Shanghai.
" KELLY & Co., do.
" WACHTELS, GROOS & Co., Japan.
Mr. L. P. FISHER, Merchants' Exchange, San Francisco.

The delivery of the *Daily Press* from this office commenced on Thursday morning at 10.20, and the last messengers left the office at 10.42.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 18TH, 1870.

THE comments which are elsewhere extracted from the *Singapore Times*, on the subject of the Suez Canal, are of much interest, as showing the degree to which the success of that enterprise has now been established. In recently noticing the passage of the *Shantung*, we concluded that an error was made as to the soundings, and as it appeared to be intended to say that the soundings had not been found anywhere less than 26 feet, which from the accounts given of the passages of steamers previously was obviously a mistake. What it now appears was intended to be conveyed in the paragraph in the *Straits Times*, was that the *Shantung* had not found less than 26 feet of water in the course which she had taken, not that there was not less than that depth of water in any part of the Canal. The fact actually ascertained is of sufficient significance; and shows very clearly that there is now no room left for doubt as to the complete success of the undertaking, and of the immense effects which it must produce upon the China Trade. The point noticed by our contemporary that, even if the canal dues bring the cost of the voyage for a steamer *via* Suez up to what it is by the Cape route, the higher rates of freight obtainable, and the larger number of voyages that can be accomplished in a given space of time, will counterbalance this, is of significance, and the accuracy of this view will probably not be doubted by those who have given attention to the matter.

ALTHOUGH there seem sufficient grounds to conclude that the statements to the effect that the North-German Confederation had an intention of giving up their exterritorial rights in China were unfounded, it will be well to guard against the error of assuming that the Chinese Government have not been for a lengthened time bent upon doing away with the exterritorial rights of foreigners generally, if it is by any means possible for them to accomplish that end. The Customs' Service has been steadily encroaching upon the functions of the Consuls, and there has been so obvious a desire on their part to seize every opportunity of taking upon themselves the duties which have hitherto devolved upon the Consular representatives, that he who runs may read the too obvious ideas which govern their policy. The Customs' Service, so soon as it began to be transformed from a mere financial arrangement into something like political significance, was of its very nature bound to encroach upon the Consular authority. Part of its recognised duty was to perform functions for the Chinese Government in connection with foreign trade, but of such a nature that the Chinese could not perform themselves; and so long as they confined their sphere to the collection of the duties, nobody could justly complain of the plan, as all are interested in such matters being conducted on a proper system. But of late the Imperial Customs have taken upon themselves to perform diverse duties, altogether distinct from Customs' business, and have been aiming at increasing their power in the direction of the special duties that devolve upon the Consuls. The regulations as to confiscation cases, as to pilotage, and to Mixed Courts, are all illustrations of this fact, and point to the adroitness and persistency with which the Chinese have been gradually extending their power in this direction, and the desirability of the Foreign Governments being carefully on their guard against the possibility of the Consular jurisdiction being interfered with in this manner.

The San Francisco Minstrels give their last performance this evening, for the benefit of Miss Nellie Hosmer. Judging from the attendance on previous occasions, it may be presumed that the fair *beneficiare* will have a good house.

As will be seen by the report of the resolutions, the meeting for the formation of a Croquet Club has, notwithstanding some silly sneers that were made on its announcement, gone off satisfactorily. It is understood that upwards of twenty gentlemen have already joined the Club, which is calculated to prove a source of much enjoyment to those who are admirers of the game.

The Band of H.M.S. *Ocean* will perform this afternoon in the Public Gardens, at 4.30 P.M. The following is the programme. It is understood this Band will play every Friday afternoon, so long as the *Ocean* is in harbour.

Grande March ...... *La Tete de Bronze* Auber.
Quadrille ...... *La Belle Helene* ...... Strauss.
Overture ...... *Conte de Essex* ...... Mercadante.
Waltze ...... *Der Kleine de Camerad* ...... Basquit.
Selection ...... *Habuco* ...... Verdi.
Galop ...... *Feur und Flamme* ...... C. Faust.

THE AMATEUR CONCERT.

The amateur concert of the Hongkong Choral Society, which was given last night at the Rooms in the City Hall, in aid of the funds of that building, went off with very great success, and afforded one of the most enjoyable evenings that has for a long time been spent in Hongkong. The Community are certainly very much indebted to the members of the above association for the pains they have taken; and especially to the ladies, who joined with so much grace and kindness in this pleasing concert. If it is true that gratitude is the hope of favours in the future, it may confidently be stated that the audience were grateful in the highest degree, as all went away thoroughly pleased with the entertainment and sincerely hoping that it might be often repeated.

It is perhaps a rather delicate task to criticise a performance of this nature, as an appreciation of the kind feeling which animated all connected with it, must necessarily render it impossible to handle the subject with the *sang froid* of a professional critic. At the same time, it will no doubt be pleasing, at least as an evidence of the attention that was paid that a few remarks should be passed upon the merits of the various pieces; and the observations which follow are made in the hope that a fair criticism may not inappropriately be considered the simplest and most sincere compliment that can be paid.

The Concert commenced with two very pleasing glees "Where art thou beam of light," and "When all Alone," which were carefully rendered and were evidently appreciated by the audience. They were followed by the quartette "When Evening's Twilight," which was well sung, with the exception of an unfortunate flatness on the part of the counter-tenor. The chorus of the "Snow Flakes" then followed, and was very pleasingly sung and "the Lark" was given with great precision and delicacy. The Trio "Memory" was undoubtedly the piece of the evening, the Soprano solo in the opening being rendered with a sweetness and grace, which quite electrified the audience; and the tenor and bass parts coming in with great effect the former, however, though given with much feeling and dignity, being a little beyond the range of the singer's natural voice. The first part was brought to a conclusion by the Choruses "Summer Morning" and "Oberon" which were both well given, but the latter was a little too heavy.

In the second part, "Sweet and low" was admirably rendered, the light and shade being far more delicate than in any other chorus. It was a little too slow at the beginning and the basses came in with perhaps a little too much energy on the word "blow." The "Dawn of Day" was given with precision and expression, as was also Mendelssohn's beautiful part song, "In a wood" though it may be suggested that accompaniment was out of place in the latter. In "Stars of the summer night" the counter-tenor, who was evidently a little nervous, was not successful in reaching the final C, and was a little sharp in other parts. "May Day" went off well with the exception that the basses somewhat failed to appreciate the syncopated time, and came in on the last beat of the bar, at the words "village swains." The final chorus, Rossini's "Carnovale" was well given, and enthusiastically encored. The latter part, however, was in somewhat too slow time.

The Overture to "Egmont," the only instrumental piece given, was played with much talent, though the first movement was a little too slow. It was warmly encored and the overture to "Masaniello" substituted and very well performed. Perhaps the well known aria was not given with quite sufficient *aplomb*. The time was a little too slow, the treble apparently endeavouring to urge on the bass.

In conclusion, too much praise cannot be awarded to the gentleman who so kindly undertook the onerous duty of accompanying, which he performed, as was naturally to be expected from so accomplished an amateur, with marked taste and efficiency.

THE CROQUET MEETING.

The meeting of gentlemen interested in the above game, which took place yesterday at the Hongkong Hotel, having for its object the formation of a club, was well attended. The Chair was taken by Mr. R. S. Walker, and amongst those present were the Hon. C. C. Smith, Colonel Milles, Rev. Canon Beach, Messrs. Davis, Laurence, Dr. Ray, Messrs. Rice, Sangster, Sharp, Southwell, and Quin.

After a few introductory remarks from the Chairman, it was proposed by Dr. Ray, seconded by Mr. Rice, and carried unanimously—

"That it is the opinion of this meeting that a Croquet Club should be formed."

On the motion of Mr. Quin, seconded by Mr. Laurence, it was resolved—

"That the club be called "The Hongkong Croquet Club." It was moved by the Hon. C. C. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sangster, and carried—

"That the following gentlemen be requested to form a Committee to make the detailed arrangements requisite for the carrying out of the foregoing proposition: Colonel Milles, Rev. Canon Beach, Messrs. Robt. S. Walker and Herbert Laurence."

The meeting then separated.

POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

BEFORE C. MAY, ESQ.
March 17th.

ACCIDENTS.

Chun-a-lee, of Samsoi, a coolie, was fined $2, in default seven days' imprisonment with hard labour, for having, according to the evidence of Lum-a-yung, the first witness examined in the case, accidentally struck him on the face with a bamboo, inflicting a contused wound, he having striven to interfere on the side of order, in a row between the coolies of different matsheds at Pokfoolum.

Defendant's brother attributed the wound on the face of first witness, to his having accidentally fallen down and cut his face. Defendant himself, however, held an independent view, viz., that the first witness was accidentally struck by a stone thrown by one of those who were fighting. However, his Worship also had his view, and made an equation of the three accidents, as above.

INFIRM.

Lee-fook-po, of Toongkoon, and Chun-a-choi, of Tsungshing, hawkers, were convicted of gambling with dice, on the Praya, at 7.30 a.m., where they had collected round them a group of persons. The usual defences were set up. First defendant attributed his being taken a prisoner to a fatal curiosity which had drawn him to the spot to see why the crowd was assembled. The second said that he was apprehended by a mistake. First defendant, who was recognized as an old offender in street gambling, and also for larceny, was sent to prison for three months and ordered, at the expiration of that period, to find security in one householder in $25, to be forthcoming for six months, in default, case to be brought to the notice of H.E. the Governor, with a view to deportation. The second defendant to be imprisoned for fourteen days. First defendant was also ordered to perambulate the scene of his evil doings, under escort, with a placard of conviction on his back, as a warning to all votaries of chance.

LARCENY OF AN UMBRELLA.

Low-ahong, master of a shop on the West Praya, a dealer in Auction goods, stated that about 6 P.M. on the 16th he saw the defendant, Chun-a-sow, of Waichow, (unemployed), and another man, enter into his shop, being himself in the door way. Defendant said he wanted to buy a pistol and some caps, but with his companion left the shop without making any purchase. Complainant noticed as he went out that defendant had a new silk umbrella in a case, which he was holding close to his side, as if to hide it, and as he had similar umbrellas, he called out to his shopman, and from his reply he ran after defendant, who by that time was already three shops distant. Upon this defendant threw down the umbrella and ran, his companion running also. Witness picked up the umbrella, pursued, and caught defendant, and handed him to a policeman. Umbrella produced and identified.

Lum-see-lo, a shop-keeper, who happened to be sitting in the complainant's shop at the time of the above-narrated occurrence, gave corroborative evidence of the larceny.

Prisoner, who was identified by the gaol department as having been convicted of stealing an umbrella from the steamer *Kinshan*, and sentenced to two months' imprisonment with hard labour, was sentenced to six months' with hard labour, at the expiration of which time to find securities in two householders in $50 each to be forthcoming within twelve months, in default case to be brought to the notice of H. E. the Governor, with view to deportation.

INFRACTION OF GAOL REGULATIONS.

Upon the evidence of Charles Vincent, Sergeant of the Chain-gang-guard, Leong-a-kwai, of Poonyu, a sugar boiler, was convicted of communicating with one of the prisoners, after having been driven off three times. He was described as in the habit of throwing articles to one of the prisoners as they passed to their work. Defendant stated that he was informed one of the prisoners, who was his brother, wished to communicate with him. Fined $2, in default ten days' imprisonment.

ASSAULT.

Cheong-a-loy, a hawker of cooked meat, stated that Ch[illegible]ng-a-choi owed him some cash, and that [illegible]ed him for it, when Cheong-a-look advis[illegible] debtor not to pay. Cheong-a-choi then s[illegible]k witness on the head with a smoking pipe. [illegible]aving applied to Sergeant Gowan at the Dock [illegible] the man was apprehended, when Cheong-a-look, together with two others gave him a beating. To this charge, Cheong-a-look replied that the complainant had dice, with which he was gambling for cocked meat; disliking gambling he told complainant to leave the front of his shed; at this time he was smoking, and complainant accidentally knocked his head against the pipe. Cheong-a-choy denied all debt, and stated that a disturbance was created because they did not want the complainant to be gambling for meat. Fined 25 cents each.

GAMBLERS.

Wong-a-tuck, of Yanping, a doctor, Cheong-a-tuck, a caulker, and Tam-a-hee, a coolie, each of whom averred that he was apprehended by mistake, were fined $2 each, in default seven days' imprisonment with hard labour, for having gambled at 3 p.m., on the 16th instant, in Taipinshan.

MORE GAMBLING.

Upon the evidence of Chun-a-kung, Chinese police constable No. 14, Kum-a-chung, of Sunoy, a hawker, was convicted of having acted as manager of a gambling arrangement on the West Praya, at 3 p.m. of the 16th instant, and as usual pleaded that he was only a spectator. He was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment with hard labour, twice solitary confinement for thirty-six hours, and each time bread and water.

STEALING WOOD.

Wong-a-cheong, master of a carpenter's shop on the West Praya, stated that about 3.30 p.m. of the 16th instant, he saw the defendant, Ho-a-ng, of Sunoy, a coolie, carrying away four planks which he had taken from among a number which were standing at the side of his house; he was carrying the planks openly, as if he had belonged to the shop, (planks produced.) He made one of his men apprehend the thief, and gave him into custody. This evidence was corroborated by the man sent after the prisoner. Defendant's antecedents included three previous convictions, one for fighting, one for larceny, and the other for unlawful possession; his defence was "taken in error." Sentenced to six months' with hard labour, at expiration of the time to find securities in two householders in $25 each, to be forthcoming in twelve months, in default, case to be brought to notice of H.E. the Governor, with a view to deportation.

THE PUBLIC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

SIR,—You should know better than to ask "How is this?" and "How is that?" I know, thou knowest, he knows, we all know, that in a Crown Colony like Hongkong, the Governor is not shackled by anything like system or precedent, but simply does as he likes, and rules and governs and manages and economizes with or without departments or their heads, just as suits the passing moment. What possible heed do you imagine His Excellency pays to the public. The public be ———

Hongkong, St. Patrick's day in the morning, 1870.

The "monster onion" appears to be the American penny-a-liner's equivalent for the "monster gooseberry" of the English fraternity. Thus, the *New York Herald* devotes a paragraph to the amplitude of half a peck of those tearful roots from Texas, "which, in number, amounted only to two," each of them measuring twenty inches in circumference. It is surprising that the paragraphist did not add, "No married lady should be without one." Where Texas onions known in the days of Niobe?

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC IN FIVE DAYS.—The New York *Commercial Advertiser* makes the somewhat startling announcement, that an American company are building in the Clyde yards, under the direction of an American engineer and ex-army officer, a line of vessels constructed on a novel plan, which will cross the the Atlantic in five to seven days—seldom consuming the latter time. It is added:—"While we are not at liberty to describe the details, we may say that they are such as to satisfy us of the feasibility of their inventor's claim—that his vessels would have a capacity and elegance hitherto unknown on the ocean steamers, and that they will afford total immunity from sea sickness." The inventor is believed to be justified in the "rumour," that the Inman and Cunard must necessarily be reduced to second-class lines for carrying freight and passengers paying low rates of fare.

THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

A meeting of shareholders was held on the 5th instant. Present—H. H. Warden (President), F. B. Forbes, F. Porter, Directors, and Messrs. Barbour, Johnson, J. T. Brand, W. Cameron, Gundry, Lewes, Robertson, Francis, J. Anderson, W. Murray, Higson, Youd, Dunn, Trautmann, W. Cunningham, Eckfeldt, Hinckley, Elwell, Koong-fong-sing, Daly, Barbour, Bissett, Mackellar, Wheeler, Chaping, R. Miller and Bush, shareholders, representing 13,391 votes.

The Chairman, having proposed that the Report and accounts be taken as read, went on to remark that the Directors could point with satisfaction to the condition of the Company, as exhibited in their Report now submitted to the shareholders. There has been a falling off in net earnings, as compared with the previous year, of some Tls. 35,000, which is accounted for by the flood in the Yangtsze, last summer, and by the depression in the Northern trade which prevailed during the year. Although every concession has been made in rates of River freight, upon such commodities as can only bear moderate charges for transportation, there has been no expansion of the trade, and the directors are confirmed in the opinion, heretofore expressed, that the tonnage on the River is ample for all the requirements of the business. The friendly relations of the Co. with the "North China" and Union Companies, continued throughout the year, without serious interruption. The condition of the fleet, as a whole, is satisfactory; only one vessel, the *Fusiyama*, needing extensive repairs in the near future. Her frame is nearly indestructible and, when replanked, she will outlast the machinery. The Real Estate is in perfect order, and now stands on the books at low cost compared with its value. It has not been reduced since last meeting, because about Tls. 25,000 has been spent during the in renewing buildings, &c. The new Iron River Steamer was near completion at last dates. It is estimated that the 135,332.26 taels, remitted to London, will cover her cost. The new iron Gulf steamer is coming out via the Suez Canal, and may be expected here shortly. Her cost will be remitted out of this year's earnings. In May last, the Directors purchased the steamer *Chusan*, finding it indispensable that another steamer should be provided for the Ningpo route, for which she is well suited. The Directors have also build the *Millet*. She is intended for service as a lighter, and as soon as she can be spared from the important work in which she is now engaged, consequent upon the low state of water in the Yangtsze, she will proceed to the Peiho; and it is expected that her expenses will be covered by outside earnings in the Gulf. The Directors have concluded that it is not expedient to attempt the formation of a pension fund. The recommendation of the Directors against paying the present rates for insurance, is founded on a careful calculation of the chances of loss as compared with the premiums charged. The condition of the Company fully warrants the taking of the risk, and if the stockholders decide to underwrite for themselves, they can afford to lose any one river and one gulf steamer this year, at the average cost as they now stand on the books, without making the account any worse. The new vessels now coming out will fill up any gap in case of accident, and the public is not likely to be subjected to any inconvenience, whatever the decision may be. The objection to fire insurance is its incompleteness. While paying for that risk, a vessel may be lost by stranding or collision, and the Company left without indemnity. A resolution will be offered confirming the action of the Directors as to insurance, which I hope will be passed by the shareholders.

Mr. Porter said the accounts had been some time in the hands of the shareholders. He proposed, and Mr. F. B. Forbes seconded—

"That the Report of the Directors and the accounts therein be accepted and passed."

Mr. J. T. Brand would like to ask whether the Directors had any positive valuation of the 15 steamers which, he saw, were valued at Tls. 1,304,000, giving an average of about Tls. 87,000 a steamer. Might it not have been better, instead of sending home Tls. 135,000 to invest in U. S. bonds, to have written off the amount to depreciation—the object being to make this the only Company, or nearly the only Company able to face a strong opposition? Perhaps the Directors would say whether the steamers had been carefully valued.

The Chairman said they had not had the steamers valued by experts; but the auditor had details of each steamer's value, which he was willing to show to any stock-holder.

Mr. Brand might, perhaps, put the question in another way. Did the Directors believe the stock to be worth what it was set down at?

The Chairman said they had made a very careful valuation, and believed the steamers were rather under than over estimated.

Mr. R. Miller, with reference to Mr. Brand's remark about the Tls. 135,000, said that sum had been passed to reserve, and had to be put into something. If put into capital account, it would still be cash.

Mr. Brand further enquired why, as they had several good banks here, which would give 6 and 7 per cent. all the year round, the money was put into U.S. Bonds?

The Chairman said their latest quotation was 68, which gave 6.4.10 per cent. interest. This was a higher rate than they had found they could get here, and good security.

Mr. Higson wished to know if the Directors had any idea how many steamers would be requisite. At present, they seemed to be going on buying two or three steamers every year. It would be satisfactory to the shareholders to know when they would have enough, and when they would be likely to divide more of their receipts. Steamer property did not seem to be improving in value in this quarter, so it was undesirable to go on increasing their fleet indefinitely.

The Chairman said the Directors thought they had, now, enough for the present; but new circumstances were constantly occurring.

Mr. Robertson referred again to the investment of Tls. 135,000 in U. S. Bonds, said, if the Company had already large sums deposited in the local banks, he could understand that they should seek another investment. But, this not being the case, he thought local institutions had a prior claim. Nearly all the capital of the Company was here; and it would be an advantage to the shareholders, many of whom were also shareholders in the local banks, to patronise the latter. It would be an advantage, too, to keep the money here; and he thought better interest could be obtained here than the Chairman had named.

The Chairman said the Directors had had no offer higher than 6 per cent. here.

Mr. Brand would very much like to know what special reason there was for the investment in U. S. Bonds. There were so many ways in which the money could have been invested here.

Mr. Robertson added that, of course every one had their own information; but he was tolerably certain that 7 per cent. could have been got here.

The Chairman replied that they had money to invest, and, having no better offer from the local banks, they had selected U.S. Bonds as a good and easily realisable investment. This step had been foreshadowed at the last meeting, when it had been remarked that the Directors purposed investing the Reserve Fund in stocks.

Mr. Higson noticed that, although Tls. 135,000 had been sent home, there was a debt to the Agents to Tls. 59,000. Would it not have been better to pay the debt before sending away money?

The Chairman said that arose from an over-estimate of business, but the Directors hoped soon to wipe off the debt, out of the business of the coming season.

Mr. Porter's resolution was then put to meeting and carried.

Proposed by Mr. F. B. Forbes, and seconded by Mr. R. Miller—

"That a dividend of 6 per cent, as proposed by the Directors, for the 6 months ending December 31st, be paid to Shareholders of record on the 1st instant, and that the balance of Profit and Loss account, Taels 41,770.42, be carried to reserve."

Carried nem. con.

Proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. F. Porter—

"That the action of the Directors as regards non-insurance be approved—and that it be left to their discretion to insure or not, as in their judgment may be best for the interest of the Company."

Carried nem. con.

Proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Mr. F. B. Forbes—

"That, in alteration of Article 7, of the Deed of settlement, the Directors be empowered from this time to declare and pay Dividends on or about the 30th of June and 31st December."

Mr. Higson asked how the Directors could know what to divide, before the accounts were made up. It would be very well if there were to be a regular dividend of 12 per cent; but there might be more to divide.

The Chairman said the Directors could make a pretty close estimate of the Company's business at the end of each half year; besides, it was always possible to declare a supplementary dividend.

The resolution was then put and carried.

Mr. J. T. Brand would have been glad if the two absent Directors, Messrs. Bell and Blydenburgh, had been present; and they had not been so completely in the hands of their good friends Messrs. Russell & Co. But the supposed they had to propose their re-election. He had no doubt, from the accounts which were laid before them, and from the answers (little as these were) that they had got, that the business was well managed. And he presumed that the non-official Directors, Messrs. Bell, Blydenburgh and Porter were likely to look after the interests of the general public. He would propose therefore—

"That H. H. Warden be elected President, and F. Porter F. B. Forbes, and W. J. Blydenburgh be elected Directors, to serve until the next Annual Meeting; also, the Rowley Miller be elected Auditor, to serve for the same period."

Seconded by Mr. Higson and carried.

Mr. Forbes said the Agents had several times, lately, had applications for new share certificates, in the stead of old ones, which were alleged to have been lost or stolen. They felt under some responsibility in issuing them without the sanction of the Shareholders, in case the old ones might turn up in other hands. He wished therefore to propose a resolution empowering the re-issue:—

"That if a new stock certificate be applied for by any shareholder, on the plea that the original has been lost, the directors may, after due advertisement, authorise the issue of a new certificate, provided that they are satisfied of the good faith of the applicant, and have obtained from him such guarantee as they shall deem sufficient against any claims in respect of the original certificate."

Seconded by Mr. J. B. Robertson, and carried nem. con.

As there was no other business to be laid before the meeting, Mr. J. B. Robertson proposed a vote of thanks to the directors, for the able way in which they had managed the business of the company.

The Chairman briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the meeting broke up.—*N. C. Daily News.*

THE AMERICAN COTTON CROP.

The *Liverpool Mercury* contains an elaborate retrospective and prospective article on the Cotton crop of the United States, which may be thus summarised:—

Before the days of telegraphing to the United States and India, those conversant with the trade were tolerably accurate in their prognostications as to the future course of the cotton market. Since the American war, however, reckless bull and bear transactions have been so much in vogue that it is almost impossible to arrive, with any degree of correctness, at a conclusion regarding even the immediate future of the market. There are some, however, who, in spite of the difficulties of dealing with the probable extent of the incoming American, Indian, Egyptian, and Brazil crops, the amount which will be received from those countries in Europe, and the probable consumption of cotton in Europe during the coming year, still endeavour to lead and guide public opinion by carefully prepared circulars. Reference is made to the circular of Messrs. Smith, Edwards & Co., but before proceeding to consider the present circular, it is thought advisable to glance back at the one prepared for the past year. That issued in December, 1869, in effect prognosticated the following supplies:—

American crop ...... 2,500,000 bales.
Imports in 1869,—
American ...... 1,260,000 "
Brazil ...... 830,000 "
Egypt, &c. ...... 251,450 "
Surat, &c. ...... 1,452,070 "
Probable stock, 1st April, 1869 ...... 400,000 "

Quotations of American were to rule from 10d. to 11d.

The actual results were as follows:—
American crop ...... 2,260,000 bales.
Imports in 1869,—
American 1,039,720
Brazil 514,200
Egypt &c. 226,640
Surat, &c. 1,490,410
Stock, 1st April, 1869 236,130

The actual prices were as follows:—Jan. 1, 11d.; Feb. 12, 12¼d.; April 1, 12½d.; July 1, 12¾d.; Aug. 19, 13½d.; Nov. 4, 12¼d.; Dec. 31, 11¾d.

In the discrepancies between the prophesied and the actual supplies and prices, there is enough to confirm the opinion that such predictions are most uncertain and dangerous. In fact, if the present system of time bargains by bears and bulls is to continue, there can be nothing expected but violent and sudden fluctuations. The experience of the past year is enough to deter merchants and manufacturers from indulging in this reckless trading. Extravagant estimates of a crop ranging from 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 bales and over were put forth at the commencement of last season, and very heavy *bear* sales were made on the strength of them, which resulted in great loss, and enabled holders in America to exact there own terms, thereby considerably increasing the cost to Great Britain of the year's supply.

This season the same folly of entering into enormous bear transactions on extravagant estimates of the crop has again been the order of the day. The bear sales of the American Crop have been fully as heavy as last season, and as regards Indian cotton, some very heavy sales for December and January, have been made, which will be with great difficulty provided on account of the comparatively small stocks in India, and the fact that the crop is fully six weeks late. Thus the game has again been thrown, it is to be feared, into the hands of the Americans and East Indians.

These remarks have been made in consequence of the appearance of a circular from the firm alluded to, in which they again prognosticate the future of cotton somewhat as follows:—

The available increase of cotton supply for 1870 will be fully 750,000 bales, and two thirds of this, say 500,000 bales, may be expected to come to England. Some portion may be detained in the producing countries by a heavy fall of price, but even 10d. for American, and 8d. for Surat will be tempting enough to clear out the producing countries. The question of price will depend on the consuming power of this country, and this leads to the question of the probable state of trade in Lancashire. We start with the great advantage of having consumed 170,000 bales less in 1869 than in 1868, and no doubt the present activity of Manchester is mainly due to that cause. The news from India and China is certainly the reverse of encouraging, but there is a good demand in the smaller miscellaneous markets, especially the home trade, which acts powerfully in the aggregate. There is every probability that the demand will be maintained if the price of cotton declines. The home trade especially is reviving under the influence of cheap bread and employment for the working classes. There is no reason why 55,000 bales per week should not be sold profitably, if the price is moderate, but not with a higher average than 10½d. for middling Orleans. The average for 1869 was 12¼d., but we may expect a reduction of 2d. per lb., or fully 15 per cent., during this year, from the following considerations. The import of American cotton was very small in the spring months of last year. This year it will be very large. It will probably give not less than 500,000 bales stocks by the 1st April. The prospect of a heavy Indian crop will also have a damping effect on the market. It may be that the estimate given of the American crop (2¾ millions) is erroneous. Should it be smaller it will have a strengthening influence on the market, but it is probable that the prospect of a large Indian crop will loom up more and more as the year goes on, and prevent any permanent advance, even on this supposition.

This circular strikes the *Mercury* as giving the views of one side of the question only. Even supposing the incoming American and East Indian crops to be, as is assumed, large enough to yield 500,000 bales more in 1870 to Great Britain than in 1869, still 100,000 bales of this increase have been already dealt with, and moreover there is a present deficiency of fully 150,000 bales of *old cotton* in India as compared with this time last year. Besides this, the cotton crop of China is this year admitted to be a failure, and this will necessitate large supplies from India for that country. Recent telegrams from Bombay report that the cotton crop is fully five weeks late, and portions of it seriously damaged. It would be an excellent thing if a lower scale of prices for cotton were legitimately arrived at, but this result will not be attained by unduly depressing or raising prices by the issue of extravagant statements. These are certain to cause a reaction. At present the quotations from America and India are considerably above those ruling at home, and spinners and manufactures are advised not to be led to expect much lower prices, as they are very likely to be caught with large orders for cloth for future delivery, and no cotton to cover.

Whenever we shall, year by year, see a gradual extension in the growth of cotton equal to supply the spinning machinery of the world and leave an increasing surplus at the close of the year, then we may expect a return to a lower scale of prices; but spasmodic attempts to create plenty by "bear" operations are, and ever will be, dangerous and injurious to all engaged in the cotton trade.

THE SUEZ CANAL.
(Singapore Times.)

Any lingering doubts that may have existed as to the success of Suez Canal, should by this time have been dispelled. The theory that has been hugged so closely by owners of sailing ships, that it is only available for steamers of light draft, is fast being exploded,—and even were this not the case, steamers suited for the purpose would be readily constructed by enterprising companies. M. de Lesseps, however, is not content with having merely united the two seas by canal capable of accommodating vessels of a peculiar construction; but is rapidly pushing on the work to completion, and that without obstructing the navigation. Adverse opinions have been gratuitously and unsparingly put forward; and had those of some of the most eminent engineers of Europe been allowed weight, it is possible that the scheme would never have received the support and assistance of the French Government. But the Emperor preserved his faith in M. de Lesseps, and the result has proved the wisdom of his choice. The engineer who was decried and derided, has proved himself a man of master mind, who laughs at obstacles, and, instead of being dismayed at the outset, sets to work to remove and overcome them. Even after the Canal had been opened, and a vast fleet of ships had sailed through, the detractors of the project still maintained that it was practically of little utility, because there was not sufficient depth of water. To all this, his calm reply was that he had not yet finished, but that in a short time the largest vessels might go through with ease. This promise is even now very nearly performed. The dredges are still at work, and will continue until the depth of the canal is sufficient for any vessel afloat, except, perhaps the *Great Eastern*. Indeed, it is probable that the work of dredging will never entirely cease. A certain amount of sand must be continually displaced, and enough dredges will probably be retained to maintain the proper depth—so that all that has been written or said about the effect of the wash caused by the passage of the steamers, in displacing the sand from the banks and gradually obstructing the channel, might just as well have been left unwritten. The steamer *Mauritius*, one of the largest vessels that have yet passed through the Canal, made the passage through in eighteen hours, drawing eighteen feet of water, and reports that she scraped the sandy bottom once or twice, but "the only place where there was anything like an obstruction was near the town of Serapeum, were she had to anchor until the dredges working at the rock could be got out of the way." The report of the steamer *Shantung*, is even more encouraging, for the captain states that he sounded carefully, and found nowhere less than 26 feet of water. These two statements may be readily reconciled by supposing that the *Mauritius* may have once or twice kept too near either bank. But by far the most important feature of the *Shantung's* passage, is the practical illustration that has been given to the possible effect of the Canal upon our own and the China trade. Economical and fast sailing steamers may load at London, arrive in the Straits in forty to forty-five days, including stoppages. The *Shantung* was only thirty-seven steaming days on the passage from Glasgow to Singapore, and forty-two days including stoppages at Port Said, Suez, and Penang. When this can be done, we may look forward to the day when sailing ships will cease to be employed in the China trade. Already, the traffic along the coast of China is largely in the hands of steam vessels. Line after line of steamers has been placed on that route; and now the tide has set further south, and the project is on foot for the establishment of regular steam communication between this and Hongkong, *via* Saigon, connecting at Hongkong with the coast lines of steamers for all ports further north,—thus sweeping away the last hope for sailing ships in the coast carrying trade. These steamers will be able to receive at Singapore and distribute at the various coast ports, all the small consignments of goods from Europe reaching Singapore via the Canal. The probable effect of the Canal upon the tea and silk trade are more important as affecting the interests of sailing vessels. The Ocean line of steamers has demonstrated that tea can be carried from Foochow to London in sixty-five days, by steamers round the Cape, and that, at rates of freight advantageous both to shipper and shipowner. If vessels of the class of the *Agamemnon*, *Ajax*, *Achilles*, and *Nestor*, can compete successfully with sailing ships in the conveyance of tea and general cargo by the Cape route, how much more advantageous must it be to both shipper and owner when the voyage can be shortened by eighteen to twenty days, without incurring additional expense; for although the canal dues may be nearly as much as the cost of taking the vessel by the longer route, yet the saving of time weighs heavily in the scale,—the increased value of the goods would admit of a higher rate of freight, and the shipowner could increase the number of his voyages. These two advantages may be said nearly to balance each other, and the probability is, that, though at first heavier rates may be demanded, eventually competition will reduce them to very nearly their present standard. This will take time to effect, but the day will come, and is not far distant;—and when it does, sailing ships will be almost unknown in the general carrying trade of the East.

An old maid's love letter is called a romance of the middle age.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY EVENING.

There has been some little pressure upon the drug market for Bengal, on the part of small holders to realise for remittance, New Patna having changed hands on cash terms at $522¾ to $523¾, and $525 on time. Benares, $500 to $502½. The following may be taken as the closing rates:—New Patna, $523¾ to $525, cash and on time; New Patna, on time to arrive, 3rd Sales, $523¾ to $525; New Benares, $501¼ to $502½, cash; Old Patna, $545 to $546¼, nominal; Old Benares, $532½, nominal; Malwa, $340 cash, first quality drug wanted, but difficult to be had, reductionable drug has been taken up by the natives at $642½ per picul.

In Raw Cotton sales consist of 31 bales Bombay at $23.25, per picul; 43 bales Bombay at $23.60, per picul; 29 bales Bombay at 23.25, per picul; 51 bales Calcutta $22.25, per picul; 23 bales Calcutta at $22.75, per picul;—total 177 bales. Saltpetre 100 bags at $6.00, per picul; 57 bags at $6.45, per picul; total 157 bags. The most important feature in the piece goods market is the rise in 8¼ lbs. Grey Shirtings, which has at length taken place. The very small stocks have made buyers anxious to secure parcels for arrival, and 2,500 pieces have been settled in this way at $2.55. The price of goods on the spot is indicated by a sale of 2,000 pieces "dog chop" at $2.85, after which $2.90 was offered, and refused, for the best chops. White Shirtings have been in moderate demand, 500 pieces, 56-58 reed, having been done at $2.60; 1,500 pieces, 48, 50, 52, and 54 reed, at $2.40 to $2.50; 200 pieces (M.O.) at $4.45; 210 (M.H.) at $5.80; and 210 (E.F.) at $6.75. Yarn has also been tolerably brisk, the following sales having been made:—40 bales at $127, 50 bales at $142, 25 bales "Lion" at $140, and 125 bales "to arrive" at $140¼ to $140½. Other sales:—American Drills, 375 pieces at $4.95; Camlets, 150 pieces at $15.25; and Brocade Lustres, 500 pieces at $5.50.

The sales reported in shares are as follows:—Old Banks, 20 at 32 per cent. prem., 30 New at 23 prem. China Fire, 10, at $32½ to $35 prem.; Victoria Fire, 10 at $20 prem.; Steamboat, 10 at 29 per cent. premium.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/5¼ to 4/5½
Credits, at 6 months' sight 4/5½
Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight 4/6
Bank Bills on demand 4/4
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, 3 days' sight 74
Private, 30 days' sight ...... 74½ to 75
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight 222½
" BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight 222½

SHARES.

Hongkong Bank Shares, Old ... 32 prem.
New ... 23 prem.
H'kong & W'poa Dock ...... 4 to 5 dis.
H'kong C'ton & Macao Steam Boat Shares ...... 29 cash prem.
Union Insurance Society of Canton ...... $1,800 to 2,000 prem.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares ...... $1,550 to $1,600 prem.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares ...... $210 prem. per s.
Hongkong Hotel Shares ...... 60 to 70 dis.
Victoria Fire ...... $20 prem.
China Fire ...... $35 to $37½ prem.
China and Japan Marine Insurance ...... 7 prem.

SALES ON 17TH MARCH, 1870.
As reported by Chinese.

Tin, 50 slabs, at $28.00, by Hop Hing to Chuechow merchant.
Sapanwood, 500 piculs, at $2.58, by Tak Mi to Tientsin merchant.
Almonds, 5 piculs, at $54.00, by Tak Mi to travelling merchant.
Black Sesamums, 200 piculs, at $4.00, by Tak mi to Hoi-foong merchant.
Cuttlefish, 10 piculs, at $26.00, by Kwong Fook Wo to Canton merchant.
Red Dates, 50 bags, at Tls. 1.9.5., by Kwong Fook Wo to travelling merchant.
White Sugar, 50 bags, at $7.20, by Tai Foong Shun to Shanghai merchant.
White Sugar, 80 bags, at $7.30, by Tai Foong Shun to Shanghai merchant.
White Sugar, 50 bags, at $7.40, by Tai Foong Shun to Shanghai merchant.
White Sugar, 100 bags, at $7.35, by Tai Foong Shun to Hongkong merchant.
Iron Hoop, 1,000 bundles, at $3.15, by foreign merchant to Fatshan merchant.
Quicksilver, 50 flasks, at $63.50, by foreign merchant to Hongkong merchant.

Notices of Firms.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. W. H. FOSTER, Jr., in our firm, ceases this day.
RUSSELL & Co.
2m 518 Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. ARTHUR WELLESLEY WALKINSHAW was admitted a partner in our Firm on the 1st of January last.
TURNER & Co.
tf 522 Hongkong, 10th March, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. HUGH SUTHERLAND will sign our firm from this date.
JOHN FORSTER & Co.
1m 482 Foochow, 1st March, 1870.

WE have appointed Mr. SORABJEE DOSSABHOY SUBADAR as our sole authorized partner to establish our firms in Hongkong, Shanghai, and elsewhere in China.
N. KESSOWJEE & Co.
1m 408 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

WE have appointed Mr. MOHAMUDBHOY NENSEY to establish our branch firm in Shanghai, and conduct the business thereof.
N. KESSOWJEE & Co.
1m 409 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

NOTICE.
WE have this day established a branch of our House at Hankow.
The business at our Agencies in Tientsin, Kiukiang and Ningpo, will hereafter be conducted in the name of our firm by our recognized Agents in charge.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 182 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this port as a Ship Broker and Commission Agent.
D. MUNRO.
tf 102 Amoy, January, 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. WILLIAM PROBST in our Firm ceased on the 31st of Dec., 1868, and Mr. OTTO CHRISTIAN BEHN and Mr. JOHANNES F. CORDES are admitted Partners therein from this date.
Mr. F. LANCKEN and Mr. C. W. SIEGFRIED, have been authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.
W. PUSTAU & Co.
6m 14 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. CESAR ERDMANN, has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per Procuration, from this date.
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 15 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. JOHN FALCONER ROSE has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date until further notice.
H. G. ROBERTSON & Co.
6m 193 Foochow, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. THOMAS H. DE SILVER is admitted a partner in our firm from the 1st of October, 1869.
L. FRICKEL & Co.
tf 2002 Hongkong, 21st October, 1869.

NOTICE.
MR. W. SCOTT FITZ is this day admitted a partner in our firm. Mr. R. S. DANA retires, his interest ceasing on the 31st December last.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 68 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. H. H. WARDEN is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 2311 China, 1st December, 1869.

MR. FRITZ RAPP has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
tf 1166 Hongkong, 11th June, 1869.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself as a Public Accountant, Average Adjuster, and General Commission Agent.
C. LANGDON DAVIES.
tf 1243 Hongkong, 1st July, 1868.

THE CHALLENGE CUP, 1870.

NOW PUBLISHING.

A PHOTOGRAPH from a PAINTING by Mr. J. B. HOLLAND, taken on the spot, exhibiting a graphic view of the Course and run in of "*North Australian*," the winner, and respective positions of "*Exeter*" and "*Kareola*."
To be obtained at the "ORIENTAL HOTEL."
tf 383 Hongkong, 24th February, 1870.

VON BARGEN & Co.,
SHIPCHANDLERS & STOREKEEPERS,
SAIGON.

BEG to call the attention of Masters of vessels, and others visiting the above port, to their having constantly on hand every description of Shipchandlery and other Stores, which they supply at prices equal to those charged for at Hongkong and Singapore.
tf 494 Saigon, February, 1870.

NOTICE.
THE Wharf in front of the premises occupied by the Undersigned, can be had for the convenience of steamers and ships at a moderate charge.
For particulars apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
tf 2 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOW PUBLISHED.

VISIT of His Royal Highness THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH to Hongkong.
Compiled by The Revd. CANON BEACH, and illustrated by a Portrait of H.R.H., taken in Hongkong, and by Photographs of Local Scenes and Incidents of the Prince's visit.
PRICE THREE DOLLARS.
NORONHA & SONS.
tf 37 Hongkong, 13th January, 1870.

D. J. DORSEY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT AND INSURANCE AGENT,
41 and 42, *Merchants' Exchange*,
CALIFORNIA STREET,
SAN FRANCISCO.

References:—
ALLAN McLANE, Esq., President, Pacific M. S. S. Co., New York.
LOUIS McLANE, Esq., New York.
JOHN EADIE, Esq., President, United States Life Ins. Co., New York.
Messrs. BARRON & Co., San Francisco.
Messrs. C. ADOLPHE, LOW & Co., San Francisco.
T. A. HARRIS, Esq., Agent, P. M. S. S. Co., Hongkong.
GEO. E. LANE, Esq., Agent, Pacific M. S. S. Co., Yokohama.
GEO. F. BOWMAN, Esq., Agent, Pacific M. S. S. Co., Shanghai. [1y 1337

Vessels on the Berth.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.
THE Steamer
"HINDOSTAN,"
Capt. H. de Smidt, will leave for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 19th inst., at 2 P.M.
Despatches will close at 1.30 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
6d 508 Hongkong, 14th March, 1870.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.
THE Steamship
"KWANG-TUNG,"
Capt. Toppin, will leave for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
4d 527 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

FOR MANILA.
THE Spanish barque
"SANTA ANA,"
Captain Gavito, will leave for the above port TO-MORROW, the 19th instant.
For Freight and Passage, apply to
BRANDAO & Co.
4d 524 Hongkong, 16th March, 1870.

STEAM TO SWATOW, AMOY, AND SHANGHAI.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship
"NORNA,"
will leave for the above places at 8 A.M. on SUNDAY, the 20th instant.
W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1870. [4d 512

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamer
"VENUS,"
will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 521 Hongkong, 16th March, 1870.

FOR LONDON.
(Loading here, at Canton and Macao.)
THE A 1 British ship
"CLYMENE,"
Captain Morgan, having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will load as above, and sail early in April.
For Freight, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
OR
DEACON & Co., *Canton.*
tf 466 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
To follow the "Panther."
THE British ship
"HENRY REED,"
Captain Macros, will have quick despatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 420 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1870.

FOR MARSEILLES AND PARIS,
via the SUEZ CANAL.
THE A 1 French barque
"PARIS PORT DE MER,"
Capt. G. Franc, having the great portion of her cargo on board, will meet with quick despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 397 Hongkong, 28th February, 1870.

FOR MANILA.
THE A 1 Spanish Brig
"SAN LORENZO,"
will meet with quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
tf 376 Hongkong, 24th February, 1870.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.
THE North German Barque
"HERTHA,"
will have dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
1m 355 Hongkong, 22nd February, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE American ship
"PANTHER,"
Captain Kilton, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 300 Hongkong, 14th February, 1870.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.
THE North German ship
"HERMANN DOOTOR,"
Grave, Master, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 310 Hongkong, 14th February, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE American ship
"WITCH OF THE WAVE,"
Captain Batchelder, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 215 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1870.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.
THE 4-masted Barque
"HATTIE C. BESSE,"
Captain Besse, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Cabin passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 197 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

FOR MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.
THE well-known A 1 clipper-ship
"CHELSEA,"
Capt. Jamieson, having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will have immediate dispatch for the above ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
tf 82 Hongkong, 13th January, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE A 1 British ship
"NIAGARA,"
Capt. Fry, will have quick dispatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 104 Hongkong, 17th January, 1870.

FOR SYDNEY.
THE British barque
"ESK,"
Capt. Nobbs, will have quick dispatch, for the above port.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 76 Hongkong, 12th January, 1870.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
THE A 1 British barque
"NAPIER,"
Capt. Sinclair, 572 Tons Register. Apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
tf 528 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
THE A 1 American ship
"CHARGER,"
Captain Lester, of 1,169 Tons Register. Apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 492 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1870.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
THE A 1 American barque
"PENANG,"
Captain White, of 583 Tons register.
Apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 415 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

GEORGE ELSTER,
MERCHANT AND LLOYDS' AGENT,
CALLAO AND LIMA,
PERU.
6m 2429] [Dec. 24

AH-YON,
SHIPS' COMPRADORE and STEVEDORE,
has all kinds of
SHIPS' STORES
on hand, and all kinds of COALS, always ready.
No. 57, PRAYA WEST,
(Next to Scott Lane).
6m 2109 Hongkong, 8th November, 1869.

to be a regular dividend of 12 per cent; but there might be more to divide.

The Chairman said the Directors could make a pretty close estimate of the Company's business at the end of each half year; besides, it was always possible to declare a supplementary dividend.

The resolution was then put and carried.

Mr. J. T. Brand would have been glad if the two absent Directors, Messrs. Bell and Blydenburgh, had been present; and they had not been so completely in the hands of their good friends Messrs. Russell & Co. But the supposed they had to propose their re-election. He had no doubt, from the accounts which were laid before them, and from the answers (little as these were) that they had got, that the business was well managed. And he presumed that the non-official Directors, Messrs. Bell, Blydenburgh and Porter were likely to look after the interests of the general public. He would propose therefore—

"That H. H. Warden be elected President, and F. Porter F. B. Forbes, and W. J. Blydenburgh be elected Directors, to serve until the next Annual Meeting; also, the Rowley Miller be elected Auditor, to serve for the same period."

Seconded by Mr. Higson and carried.

Mr. Forbes said the Agents had several times, lately, had applications for new share certificates, in the stead of old ones, which were alleged to have been lost or stolen. They felt under some responsibility in issuing them without the sanction of the Shareholders, in case the old ones might turn up in other hands. He wished therefore to propose a resolution empowering the re-issue:—

"That if a new stock certificate be applied for by any shareholder, on the plea that the original has been lost, the directors may, after due advertisement, authorise the issue of a new certificate, provided that they are satisfied of the good faith of the applicant, and have obtained from him such guarantee as they shall deem sufficient against any claims in respect of the original certificate."

Seconded by Mr. J. B. Robertson, and carried nem. con.

As there was no other business to be laid before the meeting, Mr. J. B. Robertson proposed a vote of thanks to the directors, for the able way in which they had managed the business of the company.

The Chairman briefly acknowledged the compliment, and the meeting broke up.—*N. C. Daily News.*

THE AMERICAN COTTON CROP.

The *Liverpool Mercury* contains an elaborate retrospective and prospective article on the Cotton crop of the United States, which may be thus summarised:—

Before the days of telegraphing to the United States and India, those conversant with the trade were tolerably accurate in their prognostications as to the future course of the cotton market. Since the American war, however, reckless bull and bear transactions have been so much in vogue that it is almost impossible to arrive, with any degree of correctness, at a conclusion regarding even the immediate future of the market. There are some, however, who, in spite of the difficulties of dealing with the probable extent of the incoming American, Indian, Egyptian, and Brazil crops, the amount which will be received from those countries in Europe, and the probable consumption of cotton in Europe during the coming year, still endeavour to lead and guide public opinion by carefully prepared circulars. Reference is made to the circular of Messrs. Smith, Edwards & Co. but before proceeding to consider the present circular, it is thought advisable to glance back at the one prepared for the past year. That issued in December, 1868, in effect prognosticated the following supplies:—

American crop...2,500,000 bales.
Imports in 1869,—
American...1,269,000 ,,
Brazil...830,900 ,,
Egypt, &c...251,450 ,,
Surat, &c...1,452,070 ,,
Probable stock, 1st April, 1869...460,000 ,,

Quotations of American were to rule from 10d. to 11d.

The actual results were as follows:—

American crop...2,260,000 bales.
Imports in 1869,—
American...1,039,720 ,,
Brazil...514,240 ,,
Egypt, &c...224,610 ,,
Surat, &c...1,496,410 ,,
Stock, 1st April, 1869...236,130 ,,

The actual prices were as follows:—Jan. 1, 11d.; Feb. 12, 12¼d.; April 1, 12½d.; July 1, 12¼d.; Aug. 19, 13¼d.; Nov. 4, 12¼d.; Dec. 31, 11¼d.

In the discrepancies between the prophesied and the actual supplies and prices, there is enough to confirm the opinion that such predictions are most uncertain and dangerous. In fact, if the present system of time bargains by bears and bulls is to continue, there can be nothing expected but violent and sudden fluctuations. The experience of the past year is enough to deter merchants and manufacturers from indulging in this reckless trading. Extravagant estimates of a crop ranging from 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 bales and over were put forth at the commencement of last season, and very heavy bear sales were made on the strength of them, which resulted in great loss, and enabled holders in America to exact there own terms, thereby considerably increasing the cost to Great Britain of the year's supply.

This season the same folly of entering into enormous bear transactions on extravagant estimates of the crop has again been the order of the day. The bear sales of the American crop have been fully as heavy as last season, and as regards Indian cotton, some very heavy sales for December and January, have been made, which will be with great difficulty provided on account of the comparatively small stocks in India, and the fact that the crop is fully six weeks late. Thus the game has again been thrown, it is to be feared, into the hands of the Americans and East Indians.

These remarks have been made in consequence of the appearance of a circular from the firm alluded to, in which they again prognosticate the future of cotton somewhat as follows:—

The available increase of cotton supply for 1870 will be fully 750,000 bales, and two thirds of this, say 500,000 bales, may be expected to come to England. Some portion may be detained in the producing countries by a heavy fall of price, but even 10d. for American, and 8d. for Surat will be tempting enough to clear out the producing countries. The question of price will depend on the consuming power of this country, and this leads to the question of the probable state of trade in Lancashire. We start with the great advantage of having consumed 170,000 bales less in 1869 than in 1868, and no doubt the present activity of Manchester is mainly due to that cause. The news from India and China is certainly the reverse of encouraging, but there is a good demand in the smaller miscellaneous markets, especially the home trade, which acts powerfully in the aggregate. There is every probability that this demand will be maintained if the price of cotton declines. The home trade especially is reviving under the influence of cheap bread and employment for the working classes. There is no reason why 55,000 bales per week should not be sold profitably, if the price is moderate, but not with a higher average than 10½d. for middling Orleans. The average for 1869 was 12¼d., but we may expect a reduction of 2d. per lb., or fully 15 per cent., during this year, from the following considerations. The import of American cotton was very small in the spring months of last year. This year it will be very large. It will probably give not less than 500,000 bales stocks by the 1st April. The prospect of a heavy Indian crop will also have a damping effect on the market. It may be that the estimate given of the American crop (2¼ millions) is erroneous. Should it be smaller it will have a strengthening influence on the market, but it is probable that the prospect of a large Indian crop will loom up more and more as the year goes on, and prevent any permanent advance, even on this supposition.

This circular strikes the *Mercury* as giving the views of one side of the question only. Even supposing the incoming American and East Indian crops to be, as is assumed, large enough to yield 500,000 bales more in 1870 to Great Britain than in 1869, still 100,000 bales of this increase have been already dealt with, and moreover there is a present deficiency of fully 150,000 bales of *old cotton* in India as compared with this time last year. Besides this, the cotton crop of China is this year admitted to be a failure, and this will necessitate large supplies from India for that country. Recent telegrams from Bombay report that the cotton crop is fully five weeks late, and portions of it seriously damaged. It would be an excellent thing if a lower scale of prices for cotton were legitimately arrived at, but this result will not be attained by unduly depressing or raising prices by the issue of extravagant statements. These are certain to cause a reaction. At present the quotations from America and India are considerably above those ruling at home, and spinners and manufactures are advised not to be led to expect much lower prices, as they are very likely to be caught with large orders for cloth for future delivery, and no cotton to cover.

Whenever we shall, year by year, see a gradual extension in the growth of cotton equal to supply the spinning machinery of the world and leave an increasing surplus at the close of the year, then we may expect a return to a lower scale of prices; but spasmodic attempts to create plenty by "bear" operations are, and ever will be, dangerous and injurious to all engaged in the cotton trade.

THE SUEZ CANAL.
(Singapore Times.)

Any lingering doubts that may have existed as to the success of Suez Canal, should by this time have been dispelled. The theory that has been hugged so closely by owners of sailing ships, that it is only available for steamers of light draft, is fast being exploded,—and even were this not the case, steamers suited for the purpose would be readily constructed by enterprising companies. M. de Lesseps, however, is not content with having merely united the two seas by canal capable of accommodating vessels of a peculiar construction, but is rapidly pushing on the work to completion, and that without obstructing the navigation. Adverse opinions have been gratuitously and unsparingly put forward, and had those of some of the most eminent engineers of Europe been allowed weight, it is possible that the scheme would never have received the support and assistance of the French Government. But the Emperor preserved his faith in M. de Lesseps, and the result has proved the wisdom of his choice. The engineer who was decried and derided, has proved himself a man of master mind, who laughs at obstacles, and, instead of being dismayed at the outset, sets to work to remove and overcome them. Even, after the Canal had been opened, and a vast fleet of ships had sailed through, the detractors of the project still maintained that it was practically of little utility, because there was not sufficient depth of water. To all this, his calm reply was that he had not yet finished, but that in a short time the largest vessels might go through with ease. This promise is even now very nearly performed. The dredges are still at work, and will continue until the depth of the canal is sufficient for any vessel afloat, except, perhaps the *Great Eastern*. Indeed, it is probable that the work of dredging will never entirely cease. A certain amount of sand must be continually displaced, and enough dredges will probably be retained to maintain the proper depth—so that all that has been written or said about the effect of the wash caused by the passage of the steamers, in displacing the sand from the banks and gradually obstructing the channel, might just as well have been left unwritten. The steamer *Mauritius*, one of the largest vessels that have yet passed through the Canal, made the passage through in eighteen hours, drawing eighteen feet of water, and reports that she scraped the sandy bottom once or twice, but "the only place where there was anything like an obstruction was near the town of Serapeum, were she had to anchor until the dredges working at the rock could be got out of the way." The report of the steamer *Shantung*, is even more encouraging, for the captain states that he sounded carefully, and found nowhere less than 26 feet of water. These two statements may be readily reconciled by supposing that the *Mauritius* may have once or twice kept too near either bank. But by far the most important feature of the *Shantung's* passage, is the practical illustration that has been given to the possible effect of the Canal upon our own and the China trade. Economical and fast sailing steamers may load at London, arrive in the Straits in forty to forty-five days, including stoppages. The *Shantung* was only thirty-seven steaming days on the passage from Glasgow to Singapore, and forty-two days including stoppages at Port Said, Suez, and Penang. When this can be done, we may look forward to the day when sailing ships will cease to be employed in the China trade. Already, the traffic along the coast of China is largely in the hands of steam vessels. Line after line of steamers has been placed on that route; and now the tide has set further south, and the project is on foot for the establishment of regular steam communication between this and Hongkong, *via* Saigon, connecting at Hongkong with the coast lines of steamers for all ports further north,—thus sweeping away the last hope for sailing ships in the coast carrying trade. These steamers will be able to receive at Singapore and distribute at the various coast ports, all the small consignments of goods from Europe reaching Singapore via the Canal. The probable effect of the Canal upon the tea and silk trade are more important as affecting the interests of sailing vessels. The Ocean line of steamers has demonstrated that tea can be carried from Foochow to London in sixty-five days, by steamers round the Cape, and that, at rates of freight advantageous both to shipper and shipowner. If vessels of the class of the *Agamemnon, Ajax, Achilles*, and *Nestor*, can compete successfully with sailing ships in the conveyance of tea and general cargo by the Cape route, how much more advantageous must it be to both shipper and owner when the voyage can be shortened by eighteen to twenty days, without incurring additional expense; for although the canal dues may be nearly as much as the cost of taking the vessel by the longer route, yet the saving of time weighs heavily in the scale,—the increased value of the goods would admit of a higher rate of freight, and the shipowner could increase the number of his voyages. These two advantages may be said nearly to balance each other, and the probability is, that though at first heavier rates may be demanded, eventually competition will reduce them to very nearly their present standard. This will take time to effect, but the day will come, and is not far distant;—and when it does, sailing ships will be almost unknown in the general carrying trade of the East.

An old maid's love letter is called a romance of the middle age.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.
HONGKONG, THURSDAY EVENING.

There has been some little pressure upon the drug market for Bengal, on the part of small holders to realise for remittance, New Patna having changed hands on cash terms at $522½ to $523¼, and $525 on time. Benares, $500 to $502½. The following may be taken as the closing rates:—New Patna, $523¼ to $525, cash and on time; New Patna, on time to arrive, 3rd Sales, $523¼ to $525; New Benares, $501¼ to $502½, cash; Old Patna, $545 to $546¼, nominal; Old Benares, $532½, nominal; Malwa, $640 cash, first quality drug wanted, but difficult to be had, reductionable drug has been taken up by the natives at $642½ per picul.

In Raw Cotton sales consist of 31 bales Bombay at $23.25, per picul; 43 bales Bombay at $23.60, per picul; 29 bales Bombay at 23.25, per picul; 51 bales Calcutta $22.25, per picul; 23 bales Calcutta at $22.75, per picul;—total 177 bales. Saltpetre 100 bags at $9.00, per picul; 57 bags at $8.45, per picul; total 157 bags. The most important feature in the piece goods market is the rise in 8¼ lbs. Grey Shirtings, which has at length taken place. The very small stocks have made buyers anxious to secure parcels for arrival, and 2,500 pieces have been settled in this way at $2.55. The price of goods on the spot is indicated by a sale of 2,000 pieces "dog chop" at $2.85, after which $2.90 was offered, and refused, for the best chops. White Shirtings have been in moderate demand, 500 pieces, 56-58 reed, having been done at $2.60; 1,500 pieces, 48, 50, 52, and 54 reed, at $2.40 to $2.50; 200 pieces (M.O.) at $4.45; 210 (M.H.) at $5.90; and 210 (B.F.) at $6.75. Yarn has also been tolerably brisk, the following sales having been made:—40 bales at $127, 50 bales at $142, 25 bales "Lion" at $140, and 125 bales "to arrive" at $140½ to $140¾. Other sales:—American Drills, 375 pieces at $4.25; Camlets, 150 pieces at $15.25; and Brocade Lustres, 500 pieces at $5.50.

The sales reported in shares are as follows:—Old Banks, 20 at 32 per cent. prem., 30 New at 23 prem. China Fire, 10, at $32½ to $35 prem.; Victoria Fire, 10 at $20 prem.; Steamboat, 10 at 29 per cent. premium.

EXCHANGE.

On London,—
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/5½ to 4/5¾
Credits, at 6 months' sight...4/6¼
Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight...4/6
Bank Bills on demand...4/4
On Shanghai.—
Bank, 3 days' sight...74
Private, 30 days' sight...74½ to 75
On Calcutta.—Bank, 3 days' sight 222½
,, Bombay.—Bank, 3 days' sight 222½

SHARES.
Hongkong Bank Shares, Old... 32 prem.
,, ,, New... 23 prem.
H'kong & W'poa Dock... 4 to 5 dis.
H'kong C'ton & Macao Steam Boat. Shares... 29 cash prem.
Union Insurance Society of Canton... $1,800 to 2,000 prem.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares... $1,500 to $1,600 prem.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares... $210 prem. per s.
Hongkong Hotel Shares... 60 to 70 dis.
Victoria Fire... $20 prem.
China Fire... $35 to $37½ prem.
China and Japan Marine Insurance... 7 prem.

SALES ON 17TH MARCH, 1870.
As reported by Chinese.

Tin, 50 slabs, at $23.00, by Hop Hing to Chuechow merchant.
Sapanwood, 500 piculs, at $2.58, by Tak Mi to Tientsin merchant.
Almonds, 5 piculs, at $54.00, by Tak Mi to travelling merchant.
Black Sesamums, 200 piculs, at $4.00, by Tak mi to Hoi-foong merchant.
Cuttlefish, 10 piculs, at $26.00, by Kwong Fook Wo to Canton merchant.
Red Dates, 50 bags, at Tls. 1.95, by Kwong Fook Wo to travelling merchant.
White Sugar, 50 bags, at $7.20, by Tai Foong Shun to Shanghai merchant.
White Sugar, 80 bags, at $7.30, by Tai Foong Shun to Shanghai merchant.
White Sugar, 50 bags, at $7.40, by Tai Foong Shun to Shanghai merchant.
White Sugar, 100 bags, at $7.35, by Tai Foong Shun to Hongkong merchant.
Iron Hoop, 1,000 bundles, at $3.15, by foreign merchant to Fatshan merchant.
Quicksilver, 50 flasks, at $63.50, by foreign merchant to Hongkong merchant.

Notices of Firms.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. W. H. FOSTER, Jr., in our firm, ceases this day.
RUSSELL & Co.
2m 518 Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. ARTHUR WELLESLEY WALKINSHAW was admitted a partner in our Firm on the 1st of January last.
TURNER & Co.
tf 522 Hongkong, 10th March, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. HUGH SUTHERLAND will sign our firm from this date.
JOHN FORSTER & Co.
1m 482 Foochow, 1st March, 1870.

WE have appointed Mr. SORABJEE DOSSABHOY SUBADAR as our sole authorized partner to establish our firms in Hongkong, Shanghai, and elsewhere in China.
N. KESSOWJEE & Co.
1m 403 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

WE have appointed Mr. MOHAMUDBHOY NENSEY to establish our branch firm in Shanghai, and conduct the business thereof.
N. KESSOWJEE & Co.
1m 400 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

NOTICE.
WE have this day established a branch of our House at Hankow.
The business at our Agencies in Tientsin, Kiukiang and Ningpo, will hereafter be conducted in the name of our firm by our recognized Agents in charge.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 182 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
I HAVE established myself at this port as a Ship Broker and Commission Agent.
D. MUNRO.
tf 102 Amoy, January, 1870.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. WILLIAM PROBST in our Firm ceased on the 31st of Dec. 1868, and Mr. OTTO CHRISTIAN BEHN and Mr. JOHANNES P. CORDES are admitted Partners therein from this date.
Mr. F. LANGKEN and Mr. C. W. SIEGFRIED, have been authorized to sign our Firm per procuration.
W. PUSTAU & Co.
6m 14 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. CESAR ERDMANN, has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per Procuration, from this date.
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 15 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. JOHN FALCONER ROSE has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date until further notice.
H. G. ROBERTSON & Co.
6m 103 Foochow, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. THOMAS H. DE SILVER is admitted a partner in our firm from the 1st of October, 1869.
L. FRICKEL & Co.
tf 2062 Hongkong, 21st October, 1869.

NOTICE.
MR. W. SCOTT FITZ is this day admitted a partner in our firm. Mr. R. S. DANA retires, his interest ceasing on the 31st December last.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 68 China, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
MR. H. H. WARDEN is admitted a partner in our firm from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 2311 China, 1st December, 1869.

MR. FRITZ RAPP has been duly authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.
F. BLACKHEAD & Co.
tf 1166 Hongkong, 11th June, 1869.

NOTICE.
I HAVE this day established myself as a Public Accountant, Average Adjuster, and General Commission Agent.
C. LANGDON DAVIES.
tf 1243 Hongkong, 1st July, 1868.

THE CHALLENGE CUP, 1870.
NOW PUBLISHING.
A PHOTOGRAPH from a PAINTING by Mr. J. B. HOLLAND, taken on the spot, exhibiting a graphic view of the Course and run in of "*North Australian*," the winner, and respective positions of "*Exeter*" and "*Karoola*."
To be obtained at the "ORIENTAL HOTEL."
tf 383 Hongkong, 24th February, 1870.

VON BARGEN & Co.,
SHIPCHANDLERS & STOREKEEPERS,
SAIGON.
BEG to call the attention of Masters of vessels, and others visiting the above port, to their having constantly on hand every description of Shipchandlery and other Stores, which they supply at prices equal to those charged for at Hongkong and Singapore.
tf 494 Saigon, February, 1870.

NOTICE.
THE Wharf in front of the premises occupied by the Undersigned, can be had for the convenience of steamers and ships at a moderate charge.
For particulars apply to
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
tf 2 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOW PUBLISHED.
VISIT of His Royal Highness THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH to Hongkong.
Compiled by The Revd. CANON BEACH, and illustrated by a Portrait of H.R.H., taken in Hongkong, and by Photographs of Local Scenes and Incidents of the Prince's visit.
PRICE THREE DOLLARS.
NORONHA & SONS.
tf 87 Hongkong, 13th January, 1870.

B. J. DORSEY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT
AND
INSURANCE AGENT,
41 and 42, *Merchants' Exchange*,
CALIFORNIA STREET,
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References:
ALLAN MCLANE, Esq., President, Pacific M. S. S. Co., New York.
LOUIS MCLANE, Esq., New York.
JOHN EADIE, Esq., President, United States Life Ins. Co., New York.
Messrs. BARRON & Co., San Francisco.
Messrs. C. ADOLPHE, LOW & Co., San Francisco.
T. A. HARRIS, Esq., Agent, P. M. S. S. Co., Hongkong.
GEO. E. LANE, Esq., Agent, Pacific M. S. S. Co., Yokohama.
GEO. F. BOWMAN, Esq., Agent, Pacific M. S. S. Co., Shanghai. [ly 1337

Vessels on the Berth.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA.
THE Steamer
"HINDOSTAN,"
Capt. H. de Smidt, will leave for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 19th inst., at 5 P.M.
Despatches will close at 1.30 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
6d 506 Hongkong, 14th March, 1870.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, AND FOOCHOW.
THE Steamship
"KWANG-TUNG,"
Capt. Toppin, will leave for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 19th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
4d 527 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

FOR MANILA.
THE Spanish barque
"SANTA ANA,"
Captain Gavito, will leave for the above port TO-MORROW, the 19th instant.
For Freight and Passage, apply to
BRANDAO & Co.
4d 524 Hongkong, 16th March, 1870.

STEAM TO
SWATOW, AMOY, AND SHANGHAI.
THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamship
"NORNA,"
will leave for the above places at 8 A.M. on SUNDAY, the 20th instant.
W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent.*
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, 17th March, 1870. [4d 512

FOR SHANGHAI.
THE Steamer
"VENUS,"
will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 521 Hongkong, 16th March, 1870.

FOR LONDON,
(Loading here, at Canton and Macao.)
THE A 1 British ship
"CLYMENE,"
Captain Morgan, having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will load as above, and sail early in April.
For Freight, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
OR
DEACON & Co., *Canton.*
tf 466 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
To follow the "Panther."
THE British ship
"HENRY REED,"
Captain Macrea, will have quick despatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 429 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1870.

FOR MARSEILLES AND PARIS,
via the SUEZ CANAL.
THE A 1 French barque
"PARIS PORT DE MER,"
Capt. G. Franc, having the great portion of her cargo on board, will meet with quick despatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
LANDSTEIN & Co.
tf 397 Hongkong, 28th February, 1870.

FOR MANILA.
THE A 1 Spanish Brig
"SAN LORENZO,"
will meet with quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
REMEDIOS & Co.
tf 376 Hongkong, 24th February, 1870.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.
THE North German Barque
"HERTHA,"
will have dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
1m 355 Hongkong, 22nd February, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE American ship
"PANTHER,"
Captain Kilton, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 309 Hongkong, 14th February, 1870.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.
THE North German ship
"HERMANN DOCTOR,"
Grave, Master, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 310 Hongkong, 14th February, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE American ship
"WITCH OF THE WAVE,"
Captain Batchelder, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 215 Hongkong, 2nd February, 1870.

FOR PORTLAND, OREGON.
THE 4-masted Barque
"HATTIE C. BESSE,"
Captain Besse, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight or Cabin passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 137 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

FOR MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY.
THE well-known A 1 clipper-ship
"CHELSEA,"
Capt. Jamieson, having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will have immediate dispatch for the above ports.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ROZARIO & Co.
tf 32 Hongkong, 13th January, 1870.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
THE A 1 British ship
"NIAGARA,"
Capt. Fry, will have quick dispatch as above.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 104 Hongkong, 17th January, 1870.

FOR SYDNEY.
THE British barque
"ESK,"
Capt. Nobbs, will have quick dispatch for the above port.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
tf 76 Hongkong, 12th January, 1870.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
THE A 1 British barque
"NAPIER,"
Capt. Sinclair, 572 Tons Register. Apply to
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
tf 528 Hongkong, 17th March, 1870.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
THE A 1 American ship
"CHARGER,"
Captain Lester, of 1,169 Tons Register. Apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 492 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1870.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.
THE A 1 American barque
"PENANG,"
Captain White, of 583 Tons register.
Apply to
OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 415 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

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SHIPS' COMPRADORE and STEVEDORE,
has all kinds of
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on hand, and all kinds of COALS, always ready.
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6m 2109 Hongkong, 8th November, 1869.

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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	CAPTAIN	AT	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DISPATCHED.
LONDON	Clymene	Morgan	Hongkong	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Quick dispatch.
MARSEILLES AND PARIS	Paris Port de Mer	G. Franco	Hongkong	Landstein & Co.	Quick dispatch.
SAN FRANCISCO	Niagara	Fry	Hongkong	Augustine Heard & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do.	Witch of the Wave	Batchelder	Hongkong	Augustine Heard & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do.	Panther	Kilton	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do.	Henry Reed	Macrea	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick dispatch.
SYDNEY	Esk	Nobbs	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick dispatch.
MELBOURNE & SYDNEY	Chelsea	Jamieson	Hongkong	Rozario & Co.	Quick dispatch.
S'PORE, PENANG & C'CUTTA	Hindostan (str.)	H. de Smidt	Hongkong	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
PORTLAND, OREGON	Hattie C. Bessie	Besse	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do. Do.	Hermann Doctor	Grave	Hongkong	Russell & Co.	Quick dispatch.
Do. Do.	Hertha		Hongkong	Augustine Heard & Co.	Quick dispatch.
MANILA	Santa Ana	Gavito	Hongkong	Brandão & Co.	To-morrow, the 19th inst.
Do.	San Lorenzo		Hongkong	Remedios & Co.	Quick dispatch.
YOKOHAMA	Wilhelmine Emma	J. Donaldson	Hongkong	Melchers & Co.	Quick dispatch.
AMOY AND SHANGHAI	Ajax (str.)		Hongkong	Augustine Heard & Co.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	Venus (str.)		Hongkong	Augustine Heard & Co.	Quick dispatch.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & S'HAI	Norna (str.)		Hongkong	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On Sunday, at 8 A.M.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	Kwang-Tung (str.)	Pitman	Hongkong	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	To-morrow, at 5 P.M.

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Beg to inform the inhabitants of Hongkong and Coast Ports, that their undermentioned Departments are well supplied with the latest designs for the Spring Trade.
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Also,
Gentlemen's fashionable HATS (Christy's), Dawson's BOOTS, and Ladies' and Gentlemen's White and Coloured KID GLOVES.
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Arrived per "Isles of the South."
3 BROADWOOD & SONS PIANOFORTES in Solid Mahogany.
1 SEMI-GRAND, 1 COTTAGE-GRAND, 1 COTTAGE (upright,) } Selected for this climate.
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ALL descriptions of ACCOUNT BOOKS, of English manufacture.
Prices Moderate.
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ALEXANDRE BOYER,
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BLACK AND COLORED VELVETS.
Ladies' White Satin and Black Kid BOOTS.
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tf 2268 Hongkong, 22nd February, 1870.

FOR SALE,
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BEST Hubbuck's White ZINC PAINT.
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WIRE-ROPE, from ¾ in. to 4½ in.
At L. FRICKEL & Co.
1m 514 Hongkong, 15th March, 1870.

FOR SALE.
100 BRASS BOILER TUBES, 5 ft. 8 in. by 2¼ inches.
Apply to the undersigned.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer and General Commission Agent,
Commercial Bank Buildings, Queen's Road,
tf 485 Hongkong, 10th March, 1870.

FOR SALE.
A CARGO of Oregon LUMBER, now landing, ex ship *F. A. Palmer*, consisting of Square TIMBER, and 1 inch to 4 inch PLANK.
For sale in lots to suit purchasers, either from ship's side or from the Yard. Apply to
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
1m 386 Hongkong, 26th February, 1870.

FOR SALE.
DOMECQ'S SHERRY, bottled by Henry Ritchie, in 1 and 2 dozen cases, and in Octaves and Quarter casks.
Palacio & Co., of Xeres.
DRY AMONTILLADO SHERRY.
Blansby and Garenne's
CLARET and COGNAC.
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tf 211 Hongkong, 25th February, 1869.

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RETIRING FROM BUSINESS.
MUST BE CLOSED ON 1ST MARCH, 1870.
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All outstanding accounts must be paid, and all claims collected, before the above date.
Nos. 96 and 98, Bazaar Europeen,
Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.
tf 1580 Hongkong, 18th August, 1869.

FOR SALE.
39 LOGS Camphor WOOD, Ships' TIMBERS.
11 Ships' HOOPS, Hard and Camphor WOOD.
50 double Ships' KNEES, 24 single do. } Camphor WOOD.
RAYNAL & Co.
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1500 TONS best Lump Anthracite COAL, from Pittston Mine, per *Witch of the Wave*. Apply to
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FOR SALE.
THE British Steamer "*LIGHTNING*," built by Henderson & Sons, Renfrew, 316 Tons Register, Engines of 120 Horse-power.
For further particulars, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
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ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
tf 419 Hongkong, January, 1867.

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By special appointment to
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THEY are complete in all respects for the convenience and comfort of professional and amateur players, as well as for the accommodation of the public generally.
The Proprietor begs also to state that he has three of the finest
AMERICAN BILLIARD TABLES
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Wines and Spirits of the First Quality.
TIFFINS AND SNACKS ON COMMAND.
JOHN B. HOLLAND,
Proprietor.
tf 91 Hongkong, 14th January, 1870.

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FOR SALE,
(Under power contained in the Mortgage Deed),
ALL those valuable Premises situate in Hongkong, abutting on *Queen's Road* on the South, and partly on the *Praya* on the North, formerly occupied by Messrs. SMITH, KENNEDY & Co., and now in the occupation of Messrs. E. SCHELLHASS & Co. The Premises are built on Marine Lot No. 101, and are held under Lease from the Crown for 999 years, subject to a Crown rent of £80 per annum. The Premises are spacious and airy, and the ground comprises an area of 14,400 square feet.
Also,
Those valuable Premises adjoining the above on its Western boundary, formerly in the occupation of the Asiatic Bank, and now in the occupation of Messrs. HESSE & Co. These Premises are built on Inland Lot No. 514, and are likewise held under a Crown Lease for 999 years, subject to a Crown rent of £24 10s. per annum, and the Lot contains an area of 6,750 square feet.
The above valuable Property will be sold by Public Auction in Hongkong on some early day (of which due notice will be given), unless previously disposed of by private contract.
For further particulars, apply to
MESSRS. GILMAN & Co.,
OR,
HENRY O. CALDWELL, Esq.,
Solicitor.
tf 58 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

NOTICE.
TRANSGRESSION of the law, it is thought, is frequently committed from ignorance, and the regulations of the law must therefore be made public before they can be known. The undersigned having obtained the sole privilege of preparing and selling prepared opium, they fear that many merchants and traders, distant and local, purely from ignorance, may infringe the British law, and thereby lose their money, in addition to heavy fines that may be imposed upon them. This is a source of great anxiety to the undersigned, and for the general information of the public, they now set forth two sections of Ordinance 1858, relating to prepared opium. They are as follows:—
VII.—It shall be the duty of every person selling or retailing prepared opium under this Ordinance, to deliver therewith a sealed certificate specifying the amount sold, which certificate shall be evidence of the facts therein stated, and shall not be transferable.
VIII.—No person shall bring into this colony, or the waters thereof, (except in cases to which section VII. applies) have in his possession or custody within the same any prepared opium.
Action will be taken against any person infringing the above sections for severe punishment, and no relaxation will be shown.
YAN WO & Co.,
Opium Farmers.
3m 338 Hongkong, 18th February, 1870.

DENTISTRY
BY
VARNUM D. COLLINS, D.D.S.,
Office, 59, *Wyndham Street*. Patients visited at their residences when desired. Operative and Mechanical work at moderate rates.
tf 231 Hongkong, 1st February, 1870.

NOTICE.
NEITHER the Captain, Owners, nor the Agents of the Spanish barque *Chispa*, will be responsible for any debt or debts contracted by the crew of the said vessel during her stay in this port.
REMEDIOS & Co.,
Agents.
tf 414 Hongkong, 1st March, 1870.

NEITHER the Captain nor the Agents of the British ship *Niagara*, will be responsible for any debts contracted by officers or crew of the said vessel.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Agents Br. ship *Niagara*.
tf 41 Hongkong, 7th January, 1870.

NOTICE.
IN THE ESTATE OF DOUGLAS LAPRAIK, DECEASED.
PROBATE of the last Will and Testament of DOUGLAS LAPRAIK, formerly of Hongkong, and lately of Aston, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned, one of the Executors in the said Will named, all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to pay the amount of their debts forthwith; Persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned, at the Office of Messrs. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., or to HENRY C. CALDWELL, Esq., Solicitor, on or before the 31st day of January, 1870, after which date no claims will be received or admitted.
Dated Hongkong, 9th day of July, 1869.
R. E. BAKER,
Executor.
tf 1342

Docks.

THE MACDONNELL PATENT SLIP,
WEST POINT.
THIS SLIP is now available for Docking Vessels of 1,500 Tons and under, and for all work connected therewith. There is also a first-class Steam SAW MILL, Planing, Moulding, and Joining MACHINE, on the Premises, which effect a great saving of time in the execution of work.
Spars, Timber, and all requisite materials for the repair of Wood and Iron Ships constantly on hand.
A. McDONALD & Co.,
Proprietors.
2229 Hongkong, 24th November, 1869.

PORT OF AMOY.
SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS, and COMMANDERS are informed that the DOCK COMPANY'S ESTABLISHMENTS at the above Port afford every facility, at moderate charges, for
REPAIRING AND SPARRING VESSELS,
AND
CLEANING AND PAINTING IRON SHIPS AND STEAMERS.
THEIR LARGE GRANITE DOCK.
Has 286 feet length on the blocks, and at average spring tides can receive Vessels of 16 to 17 feet draught. It has a
CAISSON GATE, AND POWERFUL CENTRIFUGAL STEAM-PUMP,
And an Engineers' work-shop fitted with Lathes and Tools, driven by steam. Iron and Brass Foundries, Boiler-makers' shop, a large Smithy, and Carpenters' and Boat-builders' sheds. All superintended by resident Europeans.
Their two smaller GRANITE DOCKS can receive, at spring tides, Vessels drawing 12 feet.
Spars, Timber, and other Dock-yard material kept in stock.
Quarters for Officers, and a DRY GODOWN for STORES, of Vessels under repair.
tf 2317 Amoy, December, 1868.

FOOCHOW DOCK.
RIVER MIN.
THE above granite floored DOCK, of the following Demensions, viz: Length, 390 feet, Breadth at Bottom, 40 feet, is capable of receiving Vessels drawing 13 to 16 feet, as the state of the Tides will allow. The Dock runs dry to the Blocks and is pumped out by Steam.
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WITHWORTH'S 12-INCH SCREW CUTTING GAP LATHE,
DRILLING AND SCREWING MACHINES,
A LARGE SMITHY, &c., &c., &c.
Large Godowns are on the premises for STOWAGE OF CARGO, &c., &c. A large Stock of Woods, Metal, &c., &c., always on hand.
The Dock Steam Tug *Woosung* is available at all times to tow vessels to or from Sea, at current rates, on application to
JOHN C. SKEY,
Superintendent.
The list of Charges for lighting or remetalling vessels can be obtained from
Messrs. DE SILVER & Co., Hongkong,
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Shanghai.
tf 876 May3

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THIS SLIP is now available for docking Ships of 1,200 Tons or under, and all work connected therewith, as also in the SHIPWRIGHTS, JOINERS, BOAT-BUILDERS, SPAR-MAKERS, and general departments is under experienced European Superintendence.
The SLIP has been most substantially constructed, in a perfectly land locked and secure position, and has been pronounced by competent authority as equal to any existing works of the same kind.
Charge, for three days' use of the Slip, One Dollar per ton, and all labour, material, &c., supplied on moderate terms. For further information, apply to
GLOVER & Co.,
Managers.
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THE HONGKONG
TAI-YEUK-FONG HAIR WASH.
THIS elegant Toilet requisite combines the properties of a RESTORER, POMADE, and WASH.
As a "Restorer," Nutritive and Strengthening;
As a "Pomade," Not a grease but acting as such; and,
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Introduced and Sold by
A. S. WATSON & Co.,
FAMILY AND DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
By appointment
To H.E. The Governor and Household. To H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED 1841.
tf Hongkong, 16th December, 1869.

NOTICE.
IN THE ESTATE OF HENRY DAVIS MARGESSON, DECEASED.
LETTERS of Administration, with the will annexed, of the Estate of HENRY DAVIES MARGESSON, late of Hongkong and Macao, Merchant, deceased, having been granted by the Supreme Court of Hongkong, in its Probate Jurisdiction, to the Undersigned, as Attorneys for the Executors, all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to pay the amount of their debts to the undersigned without delay, and all persons having claims against the said Estate are required to send in particulars thereof, with vouchers, to the undersigned (addressed to the care of T. G. LINSTEAD) on or before the Thirtieth day of June next, after which date no claims will be admitted.
Dated the Third day of December, A.D., 1869.
W. KESWICK,
T. G. LINSTEAD,
Administrators.
tf 2292

MR. SPARROW KNIGHT has a book publishing in the Press, to contain about 500 pages, general useful information on China, Reports on Coals furnished by Mr. Daniels, Chief Engineer of Sir Henry Keppel's flag-ship. Map of Peking on large scale, Communications furnished by the Chinese Minister for publication. Reports on Trade. Communications made to the Chinese Government. Communications made to Sir Harry Parkes, K.C.B., some general useful notes on Chinese matters. Plans of Arsenals, the Treaties with the Chinese Government will be included (in English and Chinese), the Tariff &c., Conversations with the United States Minister on Chinese subjects. Conversation with the Governor-General of Hoo-Pei and Hu-Nan, some general useful information, as productions, &c. The book will be a useful book. The subscription $5 per copy. The book will be dedicated to the Lord Robert Montagu, M.P. [tf 127

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL,
HONGKONG.
TRUSTEES—
The Colonial Secretary,
The Honourable W. KESWICK, Esq.,
GEO. HEARD, Esq.,
The Superintendent of the P. & O. S. N. Company, (ex officio).
W. STANLEY ADAMS, M.D., *Resident Surgeon.*
H. P. AUSTIN, Esq., *Hon. Treasurer.*
TERMS OF ADMISSION—
1st Class (Private Room), per day, $3.00.
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3rd ,, (Public Wards) ,, ,, $1.00.
These charges are inclusive of all Medicines and Attendances, but exclusive of Wines or Articles not in the recognised Dietary Table.
All orders for Admission to Hospital must be countersigned by some responsible Person or Persons resident in the Colony.
(Patients are also admitted on Deposits at the following rates, renewable one day previous to the amount deposited having been expended.
1st Class...$60.
2nd ,, ...$40.
3rd ,, ...$20.)
By order,
H. P. AUSTIN,
Treasurer.
6m 1314 Hongkong, 25th October, 1869.

E. R. HANDLEY,
(LATE PATERSON & HANDLEY).
HOUSE & SHIP PLUMBER, COPPERSMITH,
ZINC WORKER AND GAS FITTER.
16, *Queen's Road West.*
tf 1014 Hongkong, 25th May, 1869.

Post-Office Notifications.

A mail will close.
For Manila.—Per *San Lorenzo*, to-day, the 18th instant, at 2.30 P.M.
For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.—Per Indian Mail Packet *Clan Alpine*, at 1 P.M. to-morrow, the 19th instant.
For Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta.—Per Indian Mail Packet *Hindostan*, to-morrow, the 19th instant, at 1.30 P.M.
For Amoy and Shanghai.—Per *Ajax*, to-morrow, the 19th instant, at 3.30 P.M.
For Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.—Per *Kwang-Tung*, to-morrow, the 19th instant, at 4.30 P.M.
For Manila.—Per *Santa Ana*, to-morrow, the 19th instant, at 5 P.M.
For Swatow, Amoy, and Shanghai.—Per *Norna*, on Sunday, the 20th instant, at 7.30 A.M.

MAILS BY THE "*SALSETTE*."—
The Contract Packet "*SALSETTE*," will be dispatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on TUESDAY, the 22nd instant, at 9 A.M., and the Post-Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Letters for Registration, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 8 P.M., on the 21st instant. Letters, &c., may be posted in the night box from 8 P.M. on the 21st instant, until 7 A.M. on the following morning.
All Letters posted between 7 and 8 A.M. on the 22nd instant, will be chargeable, in addition to the usual postage, with a *Late Fee* of 18 cents.
The Latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 8 A.M., and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 7 A.M. on the 22nd instant.
Further, late letters (but letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom *via Marseilles*, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 8.30 to 8.50 A.M., on payment of a *Late Fee* of 48 cents each in addition to the postage, after which no letters can be received.
Sealed Boxes containing the correspondence of Box Holders will be received at the window set apart for the purpose on the East side of the building.
All correspondence for places to which prepayment is compulsory must be prepaid in Hongkong Postage Stamps.
Insufficiently Stamped Letters addressed to the United Kingdom will be sent on, charged with a fine of One Shilling in addition to the Postage.
Letters posted after 7 A.M. on the 22nd inst., will not be forwarded, unless the *Late Fee* as well as the postage is prepaid.
Payment for Postage Stamps must be made in the current Dollars of the Colony, or Bank Notes.
Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 P.M. on the 21st instant.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

It is hereby notified for general information, that the rates of postage (which must be paid in advance) upon Letters addressed to Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick, will henceforward be as follows, viz.:—
When forwarded via Brindisi, 42 cents each half-ounce.
When forwarded via Marseilles, 36 cents each half-ounce.
When forwarded via Southampton, 28 cents each half-ounce.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster-General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 28th February, 1870.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG,
POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA,
MARSEILLES AND SOUTHAMPTON;
ALSO,
BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.
THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "*SALSETTE*," Capt. TOMLIN, with Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this for the above places on TUESDAY, the 22nd inst., at 9 A.M.
Cargo and Parcels will be received on board until noon, and Specie until 4 P.M. on the 21st instant.
For Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong. CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.
A Written Declaration of the Contents and Value of the Packages for the Overland Route is required by the Egyptian Government, and must be delivered by the Shippers to the Company's Agents, with the Bills of Lading or with Parcels; and the Company do not hold themselves responsible for any Detention or Prejudice which may happen from the incorrectness in such declaration.
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.
W. MACAULAY, *Superintendent*
Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MARITIMES DES MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.
STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ALEXANDRIA, MESSINA, MARSEILLES; ALSO, BOMBAY, PONDICHERRY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.
ON TUESDAY, the 29th of March, at noon, the Company's Steamship "*TIGRE*," Commandant BOILEVE, (H.I.M.N.), with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 5 P.M. on the 28th instant. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
C. BERTRAND, *Principal Agent,*
Hongkong, 14th March, 1870.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
THROUGH U.S. MAIL LINE TO NEW YORK,
Via PANAMA *or* OVERLAND ROUTE.
STEAMERS of this line will be dispatched as follows:—
Japan, ... April 12th.
China, ... May 12th.
America, ... June 11th.
Japan, ... July 12th.
A steamer will leave Shanghai on or about same date, connecting with above-named steamer at Yokohama.
Passengers ticketed through to California, Mexico, Central and South America, and by OVERLAND ROUTE to principal points in the United States and Canadas, and, connecting with the various steam lines from New York to Liverpool, Southampton, Bremen, Brest, and Havre.
Through Tickets issued, also, to New York and Europe via Panama Route, and to Europe, per steamers of The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company, The West India and Pacific Steamship Company, Limited, and The Compagnie Générale Transatlantique, from Aspinwall direct. Connections made at Panama with Steam lines upon the West Coast of Central and South America, by which passengers are ticketed through.
Through Bills of Lading given for Freight via CENTRAL PACIFIC RAIL ROAD and its connections to the principal points in the United States and Canadas, and for Freight *Overland* for ENGLAND and the CONTINENT.
Through Bills of Lading given, also, for New York and Europe via Panama route, and to Europe via Aspinwall Lines, to Ports of Mexico, and ports on the West Coast of Central America, and South America to as far as Valparaiso.
Favorable arrangements have been made for through Passengers and Freight to America from Calcutta, Penang, and Singapore, and from Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.
All Freight payable in advance in Mexican dollars, or on delivery in American gold with 8 per cent. additional, at Shipper's option.
Return Passage Tickets issued at a reduction of 20%, upon the amount of the regular fare.
For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply at the Agency of the Company, *Praya West.*
T. A. HARRIS, *Agent.*
Hongkong, 12th March, 1870.

Extracts.

The Story of Pompeii.

(New York Times.)

Most people know that Pompeii was buried by a volcanic eruption A.D. 79, and that, long centuries after, certain exhumations were made leading to archæological discoveries surpassing in interest any of which the modern world has record. But comparatively few are aware that since the Italian revolution of 1860 more has been learned of the unfortunate city than perhaps had accumulated during all the perceding years since the catastrophe. Light follows liberty, and one of the first acts of the new Government was that of appointing Signor Fiorelli inspector of the excavations, with facilities no similar official had before enjoyed. This gentleman, who has the rare fortune to unite the culture of a scholar with the practical energy of a good business man, soon had a large force busily at work. No fewer than 700 men have sometimes been working under his orders, and the results have been most propitious. The chronicle of previous work in brief enough, and may be mentioned by way of contrast with that of the last decade. In the year B.C. 63, a premonitory earthquake had desolated Pompeii. It had destroyed several temples, the great Basilica, the colonnade of the Forum, and other important buildings, besides others of lesser note. The people fled, but subsequently returned and bent themselves to the task of restoration. Building was a slower process then than now, but the Temples of Venus and Jupiter, of Isis and of Fortune all went up again, and Pompeii, it somewhat debased architecturally, was more showy and luxurious than ever. The Emperor Titus seemed to have thought it a pity all this splendour should be lost, but the Senators he sent to view the site and estimate the expense of digging the town free of its terrible incubus of ashes, were frightened by the magnitude of the task, and the idea was abandoned. Thus in time the very place where Pompeii had stood was forgotten.

Towards the end of the sixteenth century an aqueduct from the Sarno to Torre dell' Annunziata was carried straight through the heart of the buried city, following streets and piercing walls. Yet no one said aught of Pompeii, and it was not until 1748, under Charles III., after the world had been excited by the discovery of Herculaneum, that a certain prying engineer, Alcubiera by name, got the royal permission to excavate near the site of the former place, and to find out what was hidden there. Even then neither this adventurer nor others mentioned Pompeii. They thought he was working over Stabiæ. Little was done at this or any time under the Bourbons. The men in charge would occasionally find something, and then, for the most part, would cover it up again, so that on the visit of some royal or other distinguished personage they might flatter their visitor by pretending to make a surprising discovery in his presence. When the Bonapartes prostrated the Bourbons early in the nineteenth century, the energy of the Republic of '60 was in a manner prefigured. Caroline, Napoleon's sister, and Murat's Queen, was enthusiastically interested in the works, and caused them to be energetically advanced. The Bourbons returned and all stood still again, until the cry of free Italy was heard, and with Victor Emmanuel came Fiorelli. Since then, as we have said, the ground over Pompeii has been worked with almost as much vigour and eagerness as the gold diggings of California; and since then, consequently, the returns have been compensurate with the investment of capital and labour.

Streets, houses, theatres have one by one been exhumed, inscriptions deciphered, trinkets, coins, and household utensils collected, jars of cosmetics and phials of medicine, and, lately, even such ordinarily perishable things as loaves of bread. Eighty-one of these have been discovered by Fiorelli in a single oven—the place having been so sealed that no ashes entered it, and the bread was found exactly in the order in which it was placed on that dreadful 23rd of November, 79, when the fierce strife of the gladiators at the Amphitheatre was interrupted by the lava-storm from Vesuvius. All sorts of things have been found, unthought of even at the time the admirable copies of Pompeiian architecture, &c., were constructed at the Crystal Palace at Sydenham. Posters bearing entreaties to vote for such a one for *edile*, love messages written on back-walls, articles of female apparel or ornament, paintings in full preservation, poor animals held fast by chains which prevented their escape from the burning destruction, and so dying where they stood, and, worse still, human prisoners in the gladiators' barracks immovably riveted by the ankles to iron racks. Of course only the skeletons of these remained; but if no human form, rounded as in life, has been discovered, there has been found what is so precisely like it as to be no less mournfully impressive. We are told by M. Monnier—a French writer who has published this and other cognate information in an interesting monograph—that recently, in a small street under heaps of rubbish, the workmen perceived an empty space, at the bottom of which were some bones. Signor Fiorelli, who was at once called, had a luminous idea. He made them mix plaster, and poured it into the hollow as in a cast. The operation was repeated in other instances close by. Afterwards the crust of pumice-stone and hardened ashes was carefully removed. When this was done, four apparently perfect human bodies lay calmly below. Their flesh had sustained their hot shroud of ashes until it had cooled and crusted, and as that flesh had withered away, the spaces had been left which Fiorelli now so ingeniously filled.

THE VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

ON the 31st March, the Offices of the above-named Company will be REMOVED from Battery Path to No. 48, *Queen's Road*,—the buildings occupied by Messrs. GEO. FALCONER & Co.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., *Secretaries.*

tf 463 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

THE VICTORIA INSURANCE COMPANY OF BOMBAY.

THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

ON the 31st instant, the Offices of the above-named Companies will be REMOVED from Battery Path to No. 48, *Queen's Road*,—the buildings occupied by Messrs. GEO. FALCONER & Co.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., *Agents.*

tf 464 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

THE CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ON the 31st instant, the Offices of the above-named Company will be REMOVED from Battery Path to No. 48, *Queen's Road*,—the buildings occupied by Messrs. GEO. FALCONER & Co.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., *General Agents.*

tf 465 Hongkong, 8th March, 1870.

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1m 440 Hongkong, 4th March, 1870.

NOTICE.

RENTS AND ACCOUNTS COLLECTED with despatch, and DISTRAINT WARRANTS FOR RENT issued and executed.

SECURITY IF REQUIRED.

THOS. W. BARRINGTON, 47, *Wyndham Street*.

tf 328 Hongkong, 18th February, 1868.

NOTICE.

MESSRS. MICHELL, BARNARD & Co., of Manila, have been appointed Agents for Manila for the *Daily Press, Chinese Issue of Daily Press, Overland Trade Report, Straits Times Extra*, and all other publications issued from this Office, and residents in Manila will please make application to them.

Houses, Lands, Tenements, &c.

TO LET.

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A LARGE Airy Bed ROOM, with or without board, in a healthy part of the Colony. Address Z., *Daily Press* Office.

1w 525 Hongkong, 16th March, 1870.

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TO LET, three Rooms, with servants' offices, suitable for one or two gentlemen, and a stable suitable for two horses and a carriage, situated in a central and airy position, on the *Caine Road*.

Address T., care of *Daily Press* Office.

tf 389 Hongkong, 26th February, 1870.

TO LET,

(From 1st April next.)

THE Commodious Residence known as Elgin House, in Caine Road West, formerly occupied by Capt. Gillson.

For particulars, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

tf 488 Hongkong, 10th March, 1870.

TO LET,

From 1st April next.

THE Commodious Residence, in *Arbuthnot Road*, known as No. 1, Woodville Terrace, presently occupied by G. F. HEARD, Esq.

The House is within five minutes walk of the Clock Tower, and commands an excellent view of the Harbour. Gas and Water laid on.

Also, the House No. 2, *Woodville Terrace*, with entrance on the 1st May.

For further particulars, apply to MACEWEN & Co.

Queen's Road, Hongkong, 7th March, 1870. [tf 460

TO LET.

HOUSES in *Mosque Street*, commanding a full view of the harbour. Rents moderate. Apply to H. L. NORONHA.

tf 294 Hongkong, 11th February, 1870.

TO LET,

IN West Terrace, *Caine Road*, Nos. 3, 4, and 5, containing Four rooms each. Bath rooms, &c. Rent moderate. Apply to THOS. W. BARRINGTON, 47, *Wyndham Street*.

tf 267 Hongkong, 8th February, 1870.

TO LET.

TWO FLOORS of a HOUSE in *Queen's Road*, well situated.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co.

tf 226 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1870.

TO LET.

FIRST-CLASS Granite GODOWNS, at *Wanchai*, from 12 to 30,000 piculs capacity. Apply to S. E. BURROWS & SONS.

tf 1790 Hongkong, 17th September, 1869.

TO LET,

(With possession on 1st January next).

THE very desirable Business PREMISES, situated the corner of *D'Aguilar Street* and *Wellington Street*, at present occupied by Messrs. A. BOYER & Co. Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

tf 2347 Hongkong, 13th December, 1869.

TO LET.

THE commodious Business Premises lately in the occupation of Messrs. SMITH, ARCHER & Co., situated at *Spring Gardens*, and consisting of a Large Three Storied Dwelling House containing 22 Rooms, with outhouses and Stables attached; two large dry and airy Godowns, capable of holding 10,000 piculs each, with Offices and Private rooms over the same. The whole having a frontage on the Praya of 219 feet, with use of a private wharf, and a fine view of the harbor.

The houses have recently been painted and put in thorough repair.

For further particulars, apply to JOHN GERRARD.

tf 1566 Hongkong, 19th August, 1869.

TO LET.

With immediate possession.

THE HOUSE and OFFICES, No. 4, *Gough Street*, lately occupied by Messrs. A. WILKINSON & Co. Apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

tf 1957 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

TO LET.

With immediate possession.

NO. 4, Pedhil Terrace, *Elgin Street*. Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

tf 1868 Hongkong, 30th September, 1869.

HOUSES TO LET.

IN various Parts of Hongkong. A list of HOUSES with *size, locality* and *terms* can be seen at No. 47, *Wyndham Street*.

THOS. W. BARRINGTON.

tf 642 Hongkong, 11th March, 1867.

TO BE LET.

THE very desirable business premises lately occupied by Messrs. LYALL, STILL & Co; —a portion of which are now occupied by Messrs. RUSSELL & Co.—with large and commodious dwelling-house and extensive Godowns on the *Praya*.

For full Particulars, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

tf 2364 Hongkong, 16th December, 1868.

TO LET.

THAT commodious family residence in *Bonham Road*, known as "Persepolis," containing 12 Rooms, besides basement story, Bath rooms, Couch House and Stable, Gas and Water laid on.

Also, Croquet ground, Flower and Vegetable garden. Apply to THOS. W. BARRINGTON, 47, *Wyndham Street*.

tf 1080 Hongkong, 4th June, 1869.

TO LET,

(With immediate possession.)

SEVERAL Strong commodious GODOWNS, very conveniently situated on Marine Lot No. 63, between Messrs. JOHN BURD & Co.'s premises and Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.'s Wharf.

For Particulars, apply to A. McLEOD,

At Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

tf 829 Hongkong, 26th April, 1869.

TO LET,

(With immediate possession).

THE commodious three storied HOUSE, No. 1, *Wyndham Street*, lately in the occupation of Messrs. BONNETT & Co. Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

tf 2343 Hongkong, 13th December, 1869.

LIGHTERAGE AND STORAGE.

THE Undersigned will undertake to land Cotton, Rice, Coals, and other Merchandise in their own Boats, and to receive the same on Storage in first class GRANITE GODOWNS on moderate terms.

ROBT. S. WALKER & Co.

tf Hongkong, 4th March, 1867.

TO LET,

(With immediate possession).

A BUNGALOW at *Pokfolum*. Apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

tf 1688 Hongkong, 1st September, 1869.

TO BE LET.

With Possession on 1st Oct. next.

THE HOUSE and OFFICE, No. 9, *Gough Street*, at present occupied by Messrs. KIRCHNER, BOGER & Co. Apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

tf 1274 Hongkong, 1st July, 1869.

RIFLES, FIXED AMMUNITION AND GUNPOWDER.

RODMOND GIBBONS & Co., SAN FRANCISCO,

Agents for: WINCHESTER REPEATING ARMS CO., and E. J. DU PONT DE NEMOURS & Co.,

are prepared to sell Rifles, Carbines, Fixed Ammunition, and Gunpowder, on terms more favorable than they can obtained from New York. [1y 713 Ap. 10

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Head Stones cut and erected.

Spring Gardens, Opposite Messrs. Bull, Purdon & Co.

tf 755 Hongkong, 15th April, 1869.

THE business hitherto carried on by the Proprietors of the Dyers' shop, HING-FAT SING-KEE, at Fun-Low Street, Fat Shan, has been tranferred to the undersigned, who will not hold himself responsible for any debts contracted by the late Proprietors of the said shop.

HUNG TAI.

2w 489 Hongkong, 10th March, 1870.

Insurances.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

SECURITY SHOULD BE THE FIRST CONSIDERATION IN INSURANCE TRANSACTIONS.

THE Directors of the Royal Insurance Company have the pleasure of supplying the following information to the public, as evidence of the ample security they afford to their assurers:—

THE CAPITAL of the Company, available for the purpose of meeting any unusual calamity happening to the Assured, is

TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

The amount actually paid up is £288,495. This, with the Accumulated Funds in Hand, makes the invested resources of the Company upwards of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS, which amount is invested as follows:—

Invested Funds of the Royal Insurance Company, 30th June, 1869.

Real Property owned by the Company	£219,571 11 3
Mortgages on Freehold Property	33,500 0 0
£30,000 Reduced 3 per cent. Consols	28,083 1 3
India Government 5 per cent. Debentures	100,000 0 0
English Railway Debenture Bonds	59,090 17 7
First-class English Railway Preference and Guaranteed Stocks	335,476 11 11
Loans to Local Authorities of various towns in Great Britain, who have obtained the sanction of the Secretary of State to borrow the amounts	145,560 12 6
Bonds of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board	62,341 14 8
Bonds of the British and Irish Magnetic Telegraph Co.	10,000 0 0
Bonds of the Liverpool Corporation	5,160 0 0
United States Government Stocks	101,330 7 10
Canada Bonds and Canada Dominion Stock	31,106 11 6
Short Loans on first-class English Dividend-paying Stocks, with margins from 20 to 50 per cent. on market values	477,195 0 0
Loans on Security of Life Policies	63,938 8 5
	£1,672,956 16 11

The above is a complete list of the Investments of the Company at the date specified, in addition to which the funds are still further increased, by amounts constantly varying, at different periods, in the hands of the Bankers and the Company's Agents.

At 31st Dec. 1868, these stood at £168,089 2 0

For the satisfaction of the Public, the whole of the Securities belonging to the Company are annually submitted to the careful scrutiny of two independent Auditors, and the following is an Extract from their Report to the last Annual Meeting:—

"The whole of your Books have been Audited—every Document, every Account, every Voucher, your Bank-book, and every Security—all have been most carefully kept, and there is not one doubtful Security in the whole."

THE ACCUMULATIONS OF THE LIFE DEPARTMENT.

After payment of Losses, Annuities and Expenses of every description, have been as follows:—

Funds in Hand at the last Quinquennial Valuation, 31st Dec., 1864	£621,434 15 5
Added to 31st December, 1865	103,146 7 3
" " " 1866	124,165 7 5
" " " 1867	128,533 5 10
" " " 1868	144,945 12 2
Total Accumulation of the Life Department on 31st December, 1868, exclusive of Shareholders' Capital	£1,122,275 8 1

The Directors also think it desirable to State that THE BUSINESS OF THE "ROYAL" HAS NEVER BEEN AMALGAMATED WITH THAT OF ANY OTHER COMPANY.

And that the LIABILITY of its Shareholders is UNLIMITED.

ROB. S. WALKER & Co., *Agents.*

2173 Hongkong, 6th November, 1869.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

UNTIL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurance, viz:—

Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from town, and their contents ... ½ per cent.

Other dwelling Houses, used strictly as such, and their contents ... ¾ per cent.

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents ... 1 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., *Agents Imperial Fire Insurance Company.*

tf 864 Hongkong, 7th March, 1865.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $60,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

tf Hongkong, 24th August, 1864.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

tf 471 Hongkong, 8th March, 1868.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Companies at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $40,000, on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

tf 2096 Hongkong, 9th November, 1868.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.

INCORPORATED 1859.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks and issue Policies at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

tf 1351 Hongkong, 7th June, 1867.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE OFFICE.

137, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.

JAMES HARTLEY & Co.—*Managers.*

ESTABLISHED 1843.

THE Undersigned is authorised to accept risks on behalf of this Office, by First Class Steamers.

W. MACAULAY, *Agent.*

tf Hongkong, 1st July, 1867.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days ⅛ of the annual rate.

Not exceeding 1 month ¼ of the annual rate

Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 months ... ½ do. do.

Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months ... ¾ do. do.

Above 6 months the full annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., *Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.*

tf 675 Hongkong, 18th August, 1869.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

FOR Insuring Houses and other Buildings, Goods, Wares, Merchandise, Manufacturing and Farming Stock, Ships in Port, Harbours, or Dock, and the Cargoes of such Ships; also, Ships Building and Repairing; Barges and other Vessels on Navigable Rivers and Canals, and Goods on board such Vessels, throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and in FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FROM LOSS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of $60,000 on any one First Class Risk.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

Insurances.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE, INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST, A.D. 1720.

HEAD OFFICE IN LONDON

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The CORPORATION of the LONDON ASSURANCE have appointed Agents for the issue of Policies for Marine Assurance in INDIA and CHINA as under:—

Bombay—Messrs. EWART, LATHAM & Co.
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The undersigned are prepared to issue Policies of the CORPORATION of the LONDON ASSURANCE, payable either here, in LONDON, at any of the above-named Agencies, and also at

Melbourne, Victoria—Messrs. DALGETY, BLACKWOOD & Co.
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tf 116 Hongkong, 21st January, 1868.

LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION

LIFE ASSURANCES.

THE Undersigned are authorised to issue Life Policies for sums not exceeding £5,000.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

tf 1959 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at Current Rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

tf 1958 Hongkong, 15th October, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE CORPORATION.

THE Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above CORPORATION are prepared to grant FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE on the usual terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

tf 3025 Hongkong, 27th December, 1867.

AMICABLE INSURANCE OFFICE.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Insurance Office, are prepared to accept MARINE RISKS, and issue Policies on any First-class Sailing Vessels or Steamers on the usual terms, payable in case of loss, in China, Singapore, Calcutta, Bombay or London.

ROBT. S. WALKER & Co.

tf Hongkong, 8th October, 1863

MERCHANTS' MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

ENGAGED EXCLUSIVELY IN MARINE INSURANCE.

Paid up Capital—$500,000.00.

THE Undersigned having been duly appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks on the usual terms.

OLYPHANT & Co.

tf 1292 Hongkong, 2nd July, 1869.

NOTICE.

SUN FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month ¼ of the annual rate

Above 1 month but not exceeding 3 ... ½ do.

Above 3 months but not exceeding 6 ... ¾ do.

Above 6 months the full annual rate.

A. G. HOGG & Co., *Agents, Sun Fire Office.*

tf 676 Hongkong, 9th June, 1868.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days ⅛ of the annual rates

Not exceeding 1 month ¼ do. do.

Above 1 month, and not exceeding three months ½ do. do.

Above 3 months, and not exceeding six months ¾ do. do.

Above six months the full annual rate.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., *Agents, Alliance Fire Assurance Company.*

tf 678 Hongkong, 26th August, 1869.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses, removed from town, and their contents ... ½ per cent. per annum

Other dwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their contents ... ¾

Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents ... 1

GILMAN & Co., *Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.*

tf 886 Hongkong, 10th March, 1865.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 1 month ¼ of the annual rate.

Above 1 month, and not exceeding 3 ... ½ do. do.

Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 ... ¾ do. do.

Above 6 months the full annual rate.

GILMAN & Co., *Agents, North British & Mercantile Insurance Company.*

tf 696 Hongkong, 7th April 1868.

HONGKONG INSURANCE COMPANY, 1868.

THE undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to issue Marine Policies on the usual terms to the extent of £10,000, on any first class risk.

A. G. HOGG & Co.

tf 538 Hongkong, 17th March, 1869.

FORBES & Co.'s CONSTITUENTS INSURANCE COMPANY, AND BOMBAY INSURANCE COMPANY

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Companies, are prepared to accept risks on the usual terms.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

tf 399 Hongkong, 26th February, 1868.

DE OOSTERLING SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF BATAVIA.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks on the usual terms.

SIEMSSEN & Co.

tf 1669 Hongkong, 1st August, 1866.

Insurances.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant POLICIES against Fire on Buildings and Goods, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.

tf 366 Hongkong, 7th February, 1867.

PACIFIC INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in China for the above INSURANCE COMPANY, are prepared to grant Policies covering Marine Risks at the Current Rates.

RUSSELL & Co.

tf 573 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1867.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

POLICIES granted on *Marine Risks* to all parts of the World, at current rates.

In addition to the usual brokerage, this Association returns to the assured *Twenty per cent. of its yearly profits*, divided *pro rata* to the net premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co., *Secretaries.*

tf 1089 Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies against Sea Risks at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.

tf 1022 Hongkong, 1st April, 1865.

GUARDIAN FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

No. 11, LOMBARD STREET, LONDON, E.C.

ESTABLISHED 1821.

And empowered by special Acts of Parliament.

Subscribed Capital—£2,000,000, *Sterling*.

THE Undersigned having been duly appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to take risks against Fire, on the usual terms.

OLYPHANT & Co.

tf 2317 Hongkong, 7th December, 1868.

HAMBURG BREMEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days ⅛ of the annual rate

Not exceeding 1 month ¼ do. do.

Above 1 month, and not exceeding three months ½ do. do.

Above 3 months, and not exceeding six months ¾ do. do.

Above six months the full annual rate.

WM. PUSTAU & Co., *Agents.*

tf 1667 Hongkong, 30th August, 1869.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE annual rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will remain as follows until further notice, viz:—

Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses (removed from the town) and their contents ... ½ percent.

Other Dwelling Houses (similarly situated) and their contents ... ¾ percent.

Offices and Godowns and their contents ... 1 percent.

Other Risks by Special arrangement.

The following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Policies:—

Not exceeding 10 days ⅛th per cent.

Not exceeding ... 1 month ¼ per cent.

Above 1 month, and not exceeding ... 3 " ½ "

Above 3 months, and not exceeding ... 6 " ¾ "

Above 6 months, the full annual rate of 1 "

ROBT. S. WALKER & Co., *Agents, Royal Insurance Company.*

tf 1763 Hongkong, 13th September, 1869.

Business Announcements.

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WILLIAM DOLAN having returned to Hongkong, has resumed his business of SAIL MAKING in all its branches, at his old place in *Duddell Street*, and solicits the patronage of the Public.

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tf 875 Hongkong, 3rd May, 1869.

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PREMARE.—Notitia Linguæ Sinicæ. Auctore P. Premare, cura et sumptibus Collegii Anglo-Sinici. 4to. pp. xviii. and 262, sewed. Malaccæ, 1831. £2 2s.

ROSNY.—Grammaire Japonaise, accompagnée d'une notice sur les différentes écritures Japonaises, d'exercises de lecture et d'un aperçu du style Sinico-Japonais par Léon de Rosny. Professeur chargé du cours du Japonais à l'Ecole Impériale, etc. Seconde édition 4to. pp. xi. and 96. Paris, 1865. 8s. 6d.

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WADE.—Yü-Yen Tzu-Erh Chi, a Progressive course designed to assist the Student of Colloquial Chinese, as spoken in the Capital and the Metropolitan department. In eight parts: with Key, Syllabary, and writing exercises. By Thomas Francis Wade, C.B., Secretary to Her Britannic Majesty's Legation at Peking. Four Vols. 4to. Progressive Course, pp xx., 296 and 16; Syllabary, pp. 126 and 36; Writing Exercises, pp. 48; Key, pp. 174 and 140, sewed. London, 1867. £5 5.

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Fairy Queen,	Cock	Brit. bk	213	Borneo Co Limited	Takao
Frederic,	Baudrouet	Fren. bk	495	Order	Bangkok
F. A. Palmer,	King	S. Sal. sh	1626	Aug. Heard & Co	
Florida Blanca,	Villata	Span. bk	346	Chinese	
Formosa,	Paulsen	N. G. bk	276	Melchers & Co	Newchwang
Garibaldi,	Noyes	Amr. bk	670	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Gaviato,	O'Flaherty	Peru. sch	116	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Grace Pelle,	E. W. Tyson	Brit. bk	820	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	Yokohama
Henry Reed,	McCrae	Brit. sh	885	R. S. Walker & Co	
Hermann Dector,	W. Jive	N. G. sh	680	Siemssen & Co	Portland, Oregon
Hermina,	Plambeck	N. G. bk	274	Bourjau, Hubener & Co	
H. O. Beser,	Besse	Amr. bk	608	Chinese	Portland, Oregon
Hertha,	Schroiber	N. G. bk	762	Aug. Heard & Co	Portland, Oregon
Herzog Ernst,	Conrad	N. G. bg	344	Melchers & Co	
Los Hermanos,	Tremoyo	Span. bk	610	Siemssen & Co	
I. of the South,	Davidson	Brit. sh	831	John Burd & Co	
Italia,	Vidaurrage	Italian sh	606	Remedios & Co	Havana
Jacob Rothenburg,	Wilde	N. G. bk	260	Siemssen & Co	
Jane Maria,	Leggett	Brit. bk	348	Rozario & Co	
Kelso,	Bowell	Brit. bk	558	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Lahloo,	J. Smith	Brit. sh	703	Gilman & Co	Bangkok
Lauderdale,	Smith	Brit. sh	816	Gilman & Co	Shanghai
Leander,	Pelherick	Brit. sh	882	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Louisito,	Orinchochea	Span. bg	230	Remedios & Co	
Malay,	Clouth	Amr. sh	772	Aug. Heard & Co	San Francisco
M. y Vicenta,	Coloma	Span. bk	450	Remedios & Co	
Maria Natividad,	Amat	Span. bk	830	Remedios & Co	
Maria Susanne,	Hingoyen	Fren. bk	240	Chinese	
M. de St. Aldegonde	Goedts	Belg. sh	554	Melchers & Co	
Meteor,	Peterson	Siam. bk	395	Chinese	
Merie Blanc,	Feydt	Fren. bk	454	Carlowitz & Co	New Orleans
Napier,	Sinclair	Brit. bk	390	Order	
Navarino,	Natt	Brit. bk	408	Landstein & Co	Saigon
New Margaret,	Wright	Brit. bk	379	Carlowitz & Co	Singapore, &c.
Niagara,	Fry	Brit. sh	1339	Aug. Heard & Co	San Francisco
Nicoline,	Ahlmann	N. G. bk	324	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	Macao
Panther,	Kilton	Amr. sh	1165	Russell & Co	San Francisco
Pacific,	Hammarsone	Amer. bk	350	Russell & Co	
Penang,	White	Amr. sh	591	Olyphant & Co	F't or Charter
P. Porte de Mer,	Franc	Fren. bk	261	Landstein & Co	Marseilles
Prospector,	Black	Brit. bk	225	Rozario & Co	Newchwang
Providencia,	Vidaurrazagar	S. Sal. sh	800	Remedios & Co	
Race Horse,	Kruse	Siam. sh	387	Chinese	Bangkok
Rockcliff,	Chapman	Brit. bk	698	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Yokohama
Santa Ana,	Garrito	Span. bk	436	Brandao & Co	Manila
Sardis,	Cunningham	Amr. sh	1249	Messageries Imperiales	
St. Lorenzo,	Ledesma	Span. bg	220	Remedios & Co	Manila
Southern Belle,	Benson	Brit. bk	511	Gilman & Co	Bombay
Taitsing,	Blohnfield	Brit. sh	815	Birley & Co	Bangkok
Tertre,	Tahet	Fren. bk	186	Carlowitz & Co	
Therese,	Bolli	Ital. sh	1094	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Veritas,	Ingram	Brit. sh	634	Turner & Co	
W. of the Wave,	Batchelder	Amr. sh	1250	Aug. Heard & Co	San Francisco
Wm. Melhuish,	Greig	Brit. sh	207	John Burd & Co	Hamburg
Wodonga,	Jarman	Brit. bk	313	Jardine, Matheson & Co	
Young Brest,	Beinroth	Brit. bk	424	Chinese	
WHAMPOA.					
Sailing Vessels.					
Caselle,	Green	Brit. bg	189	Bourjau, Hubener & Co	Chefoo, &c.
Java,	Maibell	N. G. bk	800	Arnhold, Karberg & Co	
Paradise,	Popp	N. G. bk	360	Siemssen & Co	Hamburg
Sea Shell,	Bissel	Brit. bk	233	Order	Yokohama
MACAO.					
Callao,	Lavarello	S. Am. sh	1416	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Manila
Gravina,	Barcelo	Span. bg	248	Remedios & Co	
Oberon,	Kerr	Brit. sh	1240	Gilman & Co	
Sassin,		Fren. bk		Order	
Spark,‡	Wilson	Amer. str	141	Thos. Hunt & Co	Macassar
Spec,	Graves	Amr. str		Thos. Hunt & Co	
Vanguard,	T. Hunter	Brit. bk	656	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Laid up
‡ Running between Canton and Macao.					

Vessel & Captain		Flag & Rig	Tons	Consignees	Destination
FOOCHOW.					
In port on 12th March, 1870.					
Achilles,	Russell	Brit. str	1550	Chinese	Shanghai
Alice Thompson,	Sclavo	Brit. bk	308	Russell & Co	Takao
Allendale,	Grey	Brit. bk	440	Russell & Co.	New York
Fenella,	Cunningham	Amr. str	170	Chinese	Shanghai
Forward Ho,	Hossack	Brit. sh	942	Gibb, Livingston & Co	Shanghai
Melrose Abbey,	Sawyer	Brit. sh	492	Chinese	Shanghai
Mistletoe,	Roberlson	Brit. bk	268	Russell & Co	Chefoo, &c.
Sampan,	Rasmussen	N. G. bk	294	Russell & Co	Shanghai
Seringapatam,	Morton	Brit. sh	775	Chinese	Shanghai
Volunteer,	Farrow	Chin. str		Arsenal	
Woosung,	Allan	Brit. str		Foochow Dock	Towing
SHANGHAI.					
In port on 1st March, 1870. The names of the numerous steamer tugs small craft and receiving hulks employed on the Yang-tsze are not included in this table					
Adeline,	Fullerton	Brit. bg	236	A. R. Tilby	Nagasaki
Aldebaran,	Laurent	Fren. bk	269	I. S. Baron	Nagasaki
Amadine,	Farrow	Brit. bk		Gibb, Livingston & Co	
Amile,	Ferrandy	Fren. bg	208	A. Nachtrieb & Co	Newchwang
Annie Muriel,	Graham	Brit. sch	189	Master	
Banian,	Chase	Brit. sh	769	Aug. Heard & Co	New York
Bob Tail Nag,	Edwards	Brit. sch	170	Master	
Carnarvonshire,	Davies	Brit. bk	885	Chapman, King & Co	Newchwang
Chieftain,	Blacklock	Brit. bk	330	Olyphant & Co	Halifax
Dartmouth,	Elden	Brit. sh	918	Gibb, Livingston & Co	London
Derwent,	Gode	Brit. bk	591	Gilman & Co	
Excelsior,	Elgar	Brit. bk	888	Captain	
E. A. Oliver,	Sanderson	Brit. bk	610	Gilman & Co	Swatow
Hesperus,	Spring	N. G. bg	214	Wm. Pustau & Co	
H. E. Susanne,	Meybourg	Ned. bk	878	T. Hroes & Co	
Hohenzollern,	Harhagen	N. G. bk	276	Order	
Jacoba,	Schaap	Ned. bk	574	T. Kroes & Co	Newchwang
Jolly,	Wilson	Brit. sh	292	Master	Newchwang
Lightfoot,	Curnold	Brit. bk	472	Glover, Dow & Co	
Martha,	Kook	N. G. bg	215	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Minnie,	Hertell	Brit. bk	407	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Newchwang
M. Lopez,	Uriata	Span. bk	271	Order	
Mobile,	Berry	N. G. bk	310	Gibb, Livingston & Co	
Newcastle,	Robertson	Brit. bk		A. R. Tilby & Co	
Norfolk,	Bang	Brit. bk	261	Glover, Dow & Co	
Paulista,	Gaiceau	Fren. sh	602	J. S. Baron	
P. of Wales,	Shepherd	Brit. sh	996	H. Fogg & Co	
Sarah,	Cunningham	Amr. bg	170	Master	
Surprise,	Ranlett	Amr. sh	1005	Smith, Archer & Co	New York
Therese,	Meyer	N. G. bk	396	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Vidette,	Morritt	Amr. bk	610	Frazar & Co	
Zephyrus,	Wickham	Brit. bk	609	Gibb, Livingston & Co	F't or Charter
YOKOHAMA.					
In port on 26th February, 1870.					
Acorn,	Randick	Brit. bg		Wilkin & Robison	Store-ship
Albatros,	Lowsen	N. G. bk	400	Order	Uncertain
Alphonsine,	Henry	Fren. bk	212	Walsh, Hall & Co	New York
Amoy Trader,	Kuhl	N. G. bg	280	Grauert & Co	
Annie,	Weeks	Brit. sch	884	Order	Uncertain
Ariel,	Timberly	Amr. str	1560	P. M. S. S. Co	Uncertain
Aroostook,	Gorstol	Amr. sh		De Coningh Vernede & Co	Uncertain
Bahama,	Ferriore	Brit. str	716	Van Oordt & Co	Uncertain
Bezaleel,	Chillen	Brit. sch	204	E. C. Kirby & Co	Repairing
Bonito,	Wesenberg	N. G. bk	512	Kingdon, Schwabe & Co	Uncertain
Boy Beedixen,	Matissen	Dan. bk	360	Havier & Co	F't or Charter
Brave,	Lucas	Brit. bk	408	Wilkin & Robison	New York
Cadiz,	Dundas	Brit. str	890	P. & O. Co	Shanghai
Carobel,	Rose	Brit. bk	400	Walsh, Hall & Co	Uncertain
Catharina,	Molsen	N. G. bk	340	Van der Tak	Uncertain
Charles C. Leary,	Baker	Amr. sch	915	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Uncertain
City of Yedo,	Hilts	Amr. str	100	O. J. & G. W. Hoyt,	Yedo
Ocean,	Kirchstein	N. G. bk	491	Van Oordt & Co	Uncertain
Cœur de Lion,	Hiller	Brit. sh	848	Wilkin & Robison	New York
Colima,	Berline	N. G. bk	330	Order	Uncertain
Eaglet,	Hughes	Brit. bk	391	Archer Barnard	Uncertain
Emilie,	Jhao	Ned. bk	474	M. J. B. N. Hegt.	Store-ship
Ettrick,	Lamont	Brit. bk	310	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Uncertain
Fingal,	Opsomer	Brit. bk	487	Siber & Brennwald	Saigon
F. de Maurice,	Gallachan	Brit. bk	330	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Uncertain
F. Nightingale,	Cameron	Brit. bk	401	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Uncertain
G. C. Lorenta Meyer,	Muller	N. G. bk	806	Schultze, Reiss & Co	Uncertain
Gesine Brons,	Muller	N. G. bk	400	Van der Tak	Uncertain
Golden Age,	Cobb	P.M.S. S.	1880	P. M. S. S. Co	Uncertain
Haddington,	Angove	Brit. bk	1460	P. & O. Cy	Uncertain
Hansa,	Anjin	N. G. bk	880	Grauert & Co	Uncertain
Heather Belle,	Findlay	Brit. bk	472	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Uncertain
Helen Hood,	Stewart	Amr. sh	1016	J. D. Carroll & Co	
Herald of Light,	Badenock	Brit. bk	265	Smith, Baker & Co	Uncertain
Hindu,	Sandberg	N. G. bg	180	Order	Uncertain
Independence,	Jack	Amr. sch	220	Walker, Eyton & Co	
Ingeburg,	Fries	N. G. bk	373	Walsh, Hall & Co	Uncertain
Isabella Ridley,	McRae	Brit. bk	517	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Uncertain
Johann Smidt,	Hagemann	N. G. bk	400	Findlay, Richardson & Co	Uncertain
Jubilee,	Constandyne	Brit. sh	900	Order	Uncertain
Kathleen,	Reynels	Brit. str	240	Hudson, Malcolm & Co	Uncertain
Mikado,	Lapfen	N. G. bk	310	Order	Uncertain
M. of Londonderry,	Guine	Brit. sh	760	Order	Uncertain
M. S. Elphinston,	May	Brit. bk	911	Hudson, Malcolm & Co	
M. M. Jones,	Jones	Brit. bk	297	Fabre, Buerne & Co	F't or Charter
Naval Brigade,	Knight	Brit. bk	560	Van der Tak	Uncertain
New York,	Williams	Amr. str	2000	P. M. S. S. Co	Uncertain
Odense,	Boysen	Dan. sch	249	Beyier & Co	F't or Charter
Papa,	Piening	N. G. bk		Knidler & Co	Uncertain
Peter Joynson,	Watson	Brit. sh	966	Wilkin & Co	Uncertain
Pilgur,	Ade	N. G. bk	433	Van der Tak	Uncertain
Premier,	White	Brit. bk	480	Captain	Uncertain
R. Fletcher,	Pittendrieh	Brit. bk	526	Chinese	Uncertain
R. Carlsianna,	Coltrannsen	N. G. bg	200	Grauert & Co	Uncertain
Saga,	G. H. Borg	Nor. bk		Walsh, Hall & Co	Uncertain
Saint Aubin,	Mounier	Fren. sh	1200	Order	Uncertain
Stag,	Martin	Brit. bk	203	Van Oordt & Co	Uncertain
S. H. Hessen,	Hessen	N. G. bk	280	Order	Hongkong
Sunda,	Cates	Brit. str	1217	P. & O. Co	Uncertain
Swong Beyer,		N. G. bk		Order	
Thabor,	Rival	Fren. str	462	Messageries Imperiales	Hakodadi
Thales,	Roskell	Brit. str	744	Jardine, Matheson & Co	Uncertain
The Cedars,	Stonehouse	Brit. bk	358	Knidler & Co	Uncertain
Trudel,	Mess	N. G. bk	405	Knidler & Co	Uncertain
Varuda,	Lorenzen	N. G. bk	499	Schultze, Reiss & Co	San Francisco

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Arrivals.

Mch. 18, BONITA, N. Ger. bk., 515, Wesenberg, Yokohama 6th March, Ballast.—BOURJAU, HUBENER & Co.

Mch. 18, ALSEN, North Ger. sb., 599, Grotusch, Cardiff 1st November, Coals. ED. SCHELLHASS & Co.

Mch. 18, FUSIYAMA, Brit. str., 810, Dundas, Singapore 4th March, and Saigon 12th, General—AUG. HEARD & Co.

Mch. 18, MATHILDE, North Ger. 845, Rahtyen, Cardiff 24th October, Coals.—ORDER.

Mch. 18, JOHANNA, North Ger bg., 206, Stegmann, Put back, bound to Tientsin.

Mch. 18, KATERINA MARIA, Ned. bk., 340, Brandt, Chefoo 11th March, General.—SIEMSSEN & Co.

Mch. 18, H.M. g-b. BOUNCER, Lloyd, from a Cruise.

Departures.

Mch. 18, NORNA, str., for Swatow, &c.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, MARCH 18TH.

Clymene, for Whampoa.
Esk, for Keppel Bay.
Awangtung, str., for Swatow.
Conchita, for Whampoa.
Vine, for Hiogo.
Brema, for Saigon.
Penang, for Bangkok.
Jane Maria, for

Passengers.

Per *Fusiyama*, str., from Singapore, &c.—Sir Arthur Phayre, Mr. Julius Andrian, and 70 Chinese.

Reports.

The Ned. bark *Katerina Maria*, reports experienced strong Northerly winds thick weather, with a very heavy sea so far as Formosa, since then fine weather and steady monsoon.

The North German brig *Johanna* reports experienced very heavy weather from the N.E. off the South End of Formosa; observed an American Barque in ballast beating to windward off Single Island.

The North German brig *Bonito*, reports experienced variable winds on quitting the land; on the 7th a strong gale from S. W., then fresh Northerly winds which settled into steady monsoon; anchored in the Lyo-ee-moon on the 17th, at 7 p.m.

The North German ship *Alsen* reports experienced dirty weather and much rain in clearing the Channel and crossing the Bay of Biscay; passed West of Madiera, had N.E. winds which carried the ship to the trades which lasted to lat. 19 N., then variable winds with much squally and rainy weather until the S.E. trades were found in lat. 1 N.; crossed the Equator in long. 28 W. on the 3rd December; sighted Trinidad on the 12th December; passed the Cape of Good Hope on the 3rd January, crossed the meridian of St. Paul's on the 19th January, entered Ombay on the 16th February, left Gillolo on the 28th February; sighted Bunbelhoop Island on 6th March; and Balingtang on the 15th, and Piedra Branca on the 18th, 137 days out. On the 1st March, in lat. 1.38 N., and long. 131.34 E., spoke the French barque *Lucie*, from Saigon to Japan, 23 days out. On December 26th, in lat. 41 S., and long. 6 W. lost a youth overboard from the fore royal yard.

The North German ship *Mathilde*, reports experienced strong N.N.W., North and N.E. winds on leaving the Channel and crossing the Bay of Biscay passed West of Madeira, enjoyed good N.E. trades which lasted to Lat. 11 N., then S.S.E. veering to S.W., so far as 4 N. Crossed the Equator in Long. 30 W., on the 22nd November, carried the S.E. trade to Lat. 34 S., veering Easterly and E.N.E. Passed the Meridian of the Cape of Good Hope on the 21st December, in Lat. 38 S., had light winds running down the Easting, sighted St. Pauls on the 14th January, entered the Ombay Channel on the 7th February, 106 days out, left Gilolo on the 20th February, Sighted Pelow Islands on the 3rd instant, and Balingtang on the 14th—145 days out. Spoke in the Gilolo Passage on the 25th February, the British ship *St. Peter*, from Cardiff to Hongkong, 90 days out.

Auction Sale To-day.

J. M. ARMSTRONG. Stock-in-Trade, &c.

NOTICE.

THE Partnership between CHARLES HENRY MORGAN and EDWARD NORTON, under the style of MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co., expires this day by lapse of time.

Mr. C. H. MORGAN will sign the firm in liquidation.

MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.

tf 156 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

MR. EDWARD NORTON will carry on, in his own name, the Godown and Storage business (lately MORGAN, LAMBERT & Co.'s), and also that of Merchant and Commission Agent.

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NOTICE.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent for the above Insurance Company, is prepared to grant Policies covering Marine risks at Current Rates. Policies can be made payable at all the principal ports throughout the world.

EDW. NORTON, *Agent.*

tf 240 Hongkong, 3rd February, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding 10 days, ⅛ of the annual rate.

Not exceeding 1 month, ¼ do. do.

Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months ... ½ do. do.

Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months ... ¾ do. do.

EDWARD NORTON, *Agent the Queen Insurance Company.*

tf 242 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

CAPITAL,—TWO MILLION STERLING.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent for the above Company at this port, is prepared to grant Policies against Fire, to the extend of £10,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

EDWARD NORTON.

tf 241 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

SAYLE & CO.

HAVE received, ex *Achilles*, a large assortment of Fancy Printed MUSLINS, French CAMBRICS, White and Printed PIQUES, Black Glacé and Grosgrain SILKS, Fancy Cotton and Silk TRIMMINGS.

Also, ex Mail, February 28th,—

A case of MILLINERY, consisting of Trimmed HATS, &c., of the newest styles, and at inexpensive prices.

The whole of their previous Stock of HATS and BONNETS to be cleared at greatly reduced prices, also, a quantity of Ladies' UNDER CLOTHING.

tf 425 Hongkong, 2nd March, 1870.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.—5,000,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors:—

Chairman—H. B. LEMANN, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—HONBLE. J. B. TAYLOR.

E. R. Belilios, Esq.	Julius Menke, Esq.
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George F. Heard, Esq.	Honble. R. Rowett.
George J. Helland, Esq.	S. D. Sassoon, Esq.
A. Joust, Esq.	

Managers:—

Hongkong—Victor Kresser, Esq., Chief Manager.
Shanghai—David McLean, Esq.
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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months' 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 12 " 5 " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits—granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts—granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

VICTOR KRESSER, *Chief Manager.*

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

tf 1062] Hongkong, 1st January, 1870.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on the 23rd March, 1866.

ESTABLISHED IN CALCUTTA, 29TH SEPT., 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... £928,00[0]
PAID-UP CAPITAL ... 464,00[0]
RESERVE FUND ... 41,00[0]

Head Office:—

80, KING WILLIAM ST., LONDON, E.C.

Branches:—

CALCUTTA AND BOMBAY.

Agents at Madras:—MESSRS. BINNY & Co.

Board of Directors:—

JOHN BORRADAILE, Esq., late of Calcutta.
J. R. BOYSON, Esq., late Solicitor to the Government of Madras.
R. O. CAMPBELL, Esq., of Messrs. Binny & Co. Madras, late Member of Council, Madras Government, and President of the Bank of Madras.
W. S. FITZWILLIAM Esq., late Member of the Supreme Legislative Council of India.
W. E. FRERE, Esq., late Bombay Civil Service, and Member of Council, Bombay Government.
R. P. HARRISON, Esq., late Comptroller-General of Accounts for India, and Government Director, Bank of Bengal.
E. W. WINGROVE, Esq., late of Calcutta.

R. O. SAWERS, Esq., Chief Manager.

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THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

Agents in Scotland:—

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND AND BRITISH LINEN COMPANY.

Agents in Ireland:—

THE PROVINCIAL BANK OF IRELAND.

A Branch of the Bank is this day opened at Hongkong, for general banking business.

By Order of the Directors.

G. S. SHERWOOD, *Manager.*

Temporary Offices: No. 16, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road.

tf 371 Hongkong, 22nd February, 1870.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum, say $7.50 per paid-up Share of $125, and $3 per Share on which $50 have been paid, is payable on and after THURSDAY, the 10th instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Board of Directors,

VICTOR KRESSER, *Chief Manager.*

tf 235 Hongkong, 4th February, 1870.

THE VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

CAPITAL $1,500,000, IN 3,000 SHARES OF $500 EACH.

PAID UP CAPITAL $300,000.

Board of Directors,—

W. H. FORBES, Esq., (Messrs. Russell & Co.) Chairman.
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E. DELBANCO, Esq., (Comptoir D'Escompte de Paris.)
AUGUSTINE HEARD, Esq., (Messrs. Augustine Heard & Co.)

Bankers,—

THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Auditors,—

F. W. MITCHELL, Esq.
MATTHEW W. BOYD, Esq.
(Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China.)

Head Office,—

HONGKONG.

Secretaries,—

MESSRS. AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.

THE Company having been Registered under the "Companies Ordinance, 1865," and its Shares allotted, will be prepared to accept Risks against Fire, on buildings and merchandise Stored therein, at the current rates, on and after March 1st, 1870.

Twenty per centum of the profits of the Company will be distributed annually as a Bonus among Contributing Shareholders, proportionately to the amount of premia paid by them.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co., *Secretaries.*

tf 390 Hongkong, 26th February, 1870.

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Transfer Books of this Company will be Closed from the 19th to the 31st inst., both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

A. NEWTON, *Manager.*

18d 507 Hongkong, 14th March, 1870.

NOTICE.

LES Bureaux du Consulat de France sont actuellement transférés au No. 4, Alexandra Terrace.

Pour Le Consul de France, Le Chancelier,

CH. L. DE LA FOREST.

tf 510 Hongkong, 14 March, 1870.